

AS A YOUNG BOY,
I LIKED TO GAZE AT THE STARS IN THE SKY.

I USED TO LOOK AT THEM
FOR HOURS AND THINK...

SOMEDAY I'LL TRAVEL TO
ALL THOSE DISTANT GALAXIES.

WHEN I WAS DAYDREAMING, I ALWAYS GOT EXCITED.

AND AS TIME WENT BY,
MORE CLEARLY
I COULD FEEL SOMETHING INSIDE ME.

THE STARS HAD CALLED OUT TO ME.

THE STARS WERE TELLING ME THAT
THIS PLANET WAS TOO SMALL FOR ME.



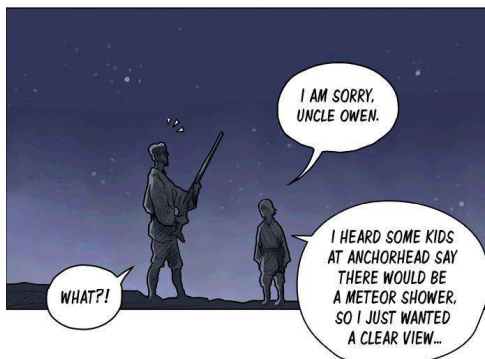
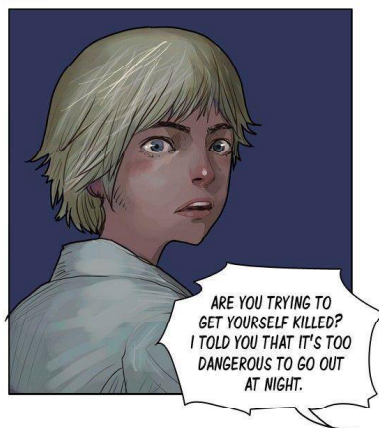
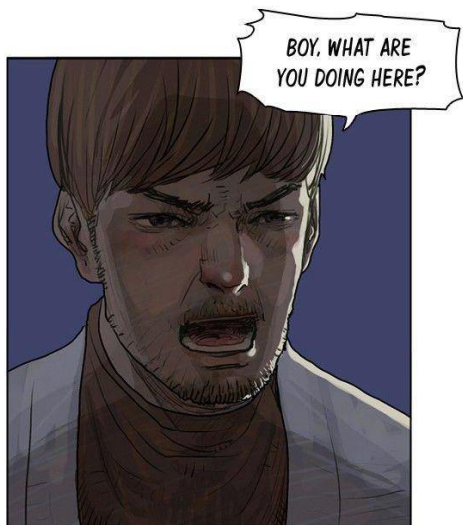
LITTLE DID I KNOW.

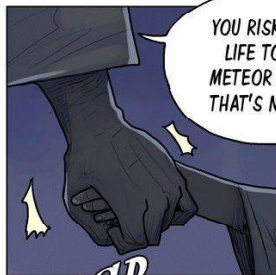


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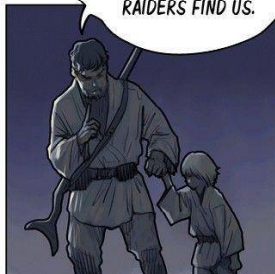






YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SEE A METEOR SHOWER? THAT'S NONSENSE.

CLASP



WE WILL TALK ABOUT THIS IN THE MORNING. WE GOTTA GO HOME NOW BEFORE TUSKEN RAIDERS FIND US.

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WAS?!

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, OWEN.

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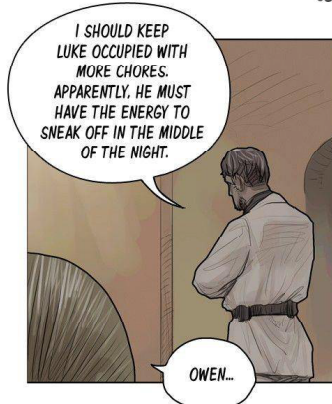
I'M REALLY AT MY WIT'S END WITH THAT BOY. WHAT IF HE MET SAND PEOPLE OUT THERE? YOU SHOULD HAVE NOT LET HIM GO OUT AT NIGHT!



OWEN. WOULD IT MAKE YOU HAPPIER IF HE WERE AFRAID OF YOU?

NO. OF COURSE NOT. BUT LIVING HERE, SURVIVING HERE, IT HELPS IF YOU HAVE SOME DEGREE OF FEAR SO YOU CAN BE CAREFUL ENOUGH TO STAY ALIVE.

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I SHOULD KEEP LUKE OCCUPIED WITH MORE CHORES. APPARENTLY, HE MUST HAVE THE ENERGY TO SNEAK OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

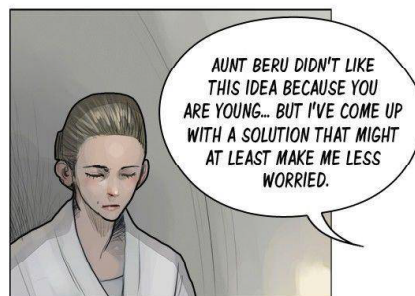
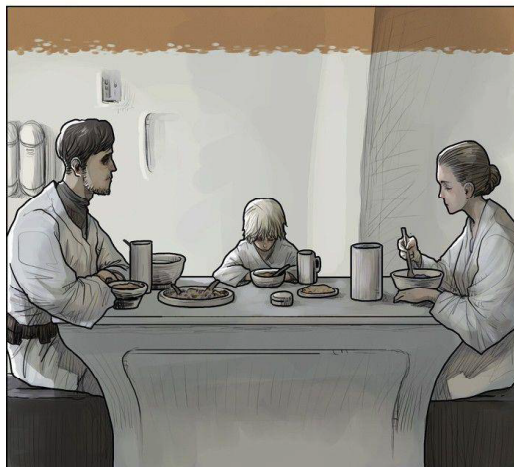
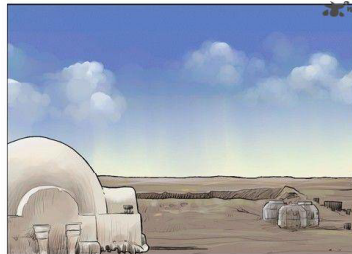
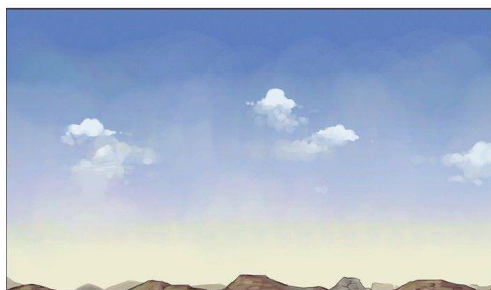
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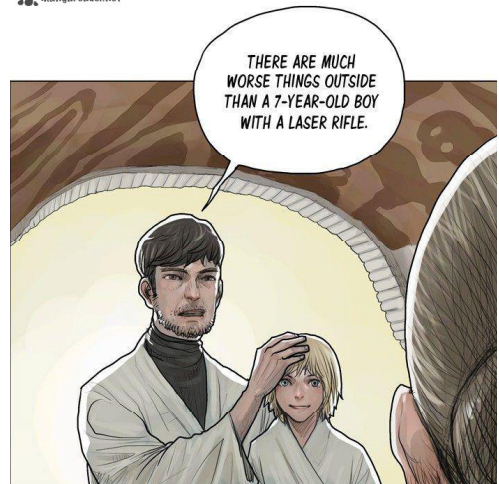
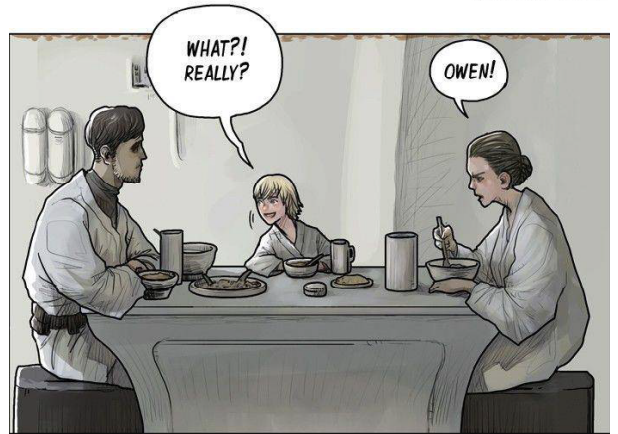
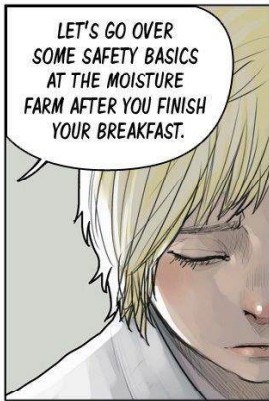


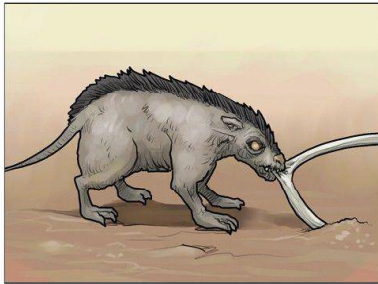
HE'S ONLY SEVEN.



I KNOW. BUT IT'S ALL FOR HIS SAKE.

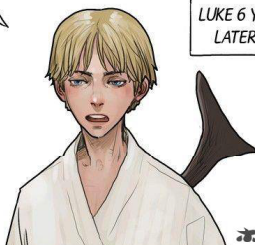


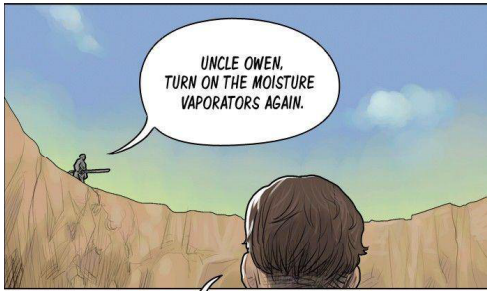




IT'S THOSE WOMP
RATS AGAIN. ARE THEY
TRYING TO CHEW UP
ALL THE CABLES ON THE
PLANET OR WHAT?

LUKE 6 YEARS
LATER (13)





UNCLE OWEN.
TURN ON THE MOISTURE
VAPORATORS AGAIN.

OK.
WELL DONE,
LUKE.



HE WILL MAKE
SOMETHING OF
HIMSELF OF
ON TATOOINE.

HE'S GIFTED
LIKE HIS FATHER.

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BERU,
I DON'T WANT
TO TALK ABOUT
HIS FATHER
ANYMORE.

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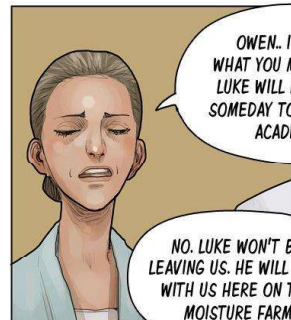


BUT HE'S LUKE'S FATHER.
WE CANNOT HIDE IT FROM
LUKE FOREVER WHETHER
WE LIKE IT OR NOT.

BERU, YOU KNOW
LUKE IS LIKE A SON TO ME.

YOU KNOW THAT I WILL DO
ANYTHING TO KEEP YOU AND
LUKE SAFE.

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OWEN. I KNOW
WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT
LUKE WILL LEAVE US
SOMEDAY TO JOIN THE
ACADEMY.

NO. LUKE WON'T BE
LEAVING US. HE WILL STAY
WITH US HERE ON THE
MOISTURE FARM.



I DON'T WANT HIM
TO GO THROUGH A WAR
IN HIS LIFE.



I CAN'T EVEN
IMAGINE LOSING HIM.
THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT
HIS FATHER.

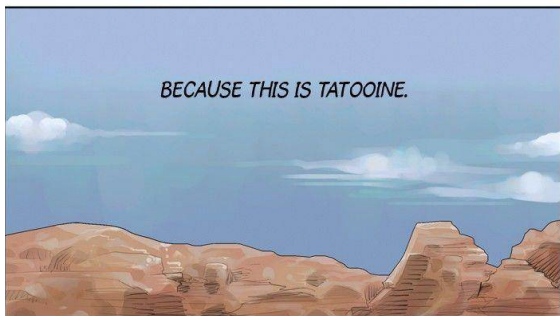


OWEN,
HIS FATHER MIGHT
COME BACK EVEN
IF WE DON'T WANT
HIM TO.



NO. THE REPUBLIC IS
OVER NOW. THAT WILL
NOT HAPPEN.

BUT THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT THE WAY
UNCLE OWEN THOUGHT THEY WOULD.



BECAUSE THIS IS TATOOINE.



WHERE A LITTLE DARE
COULD COST YOUR LIFE.

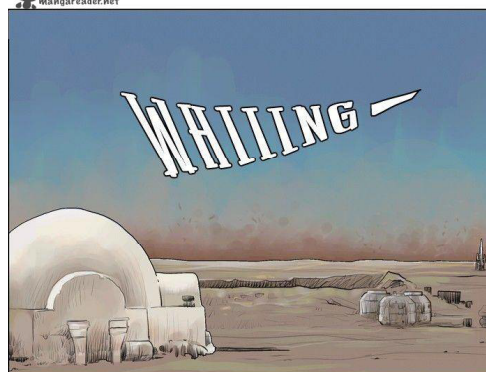
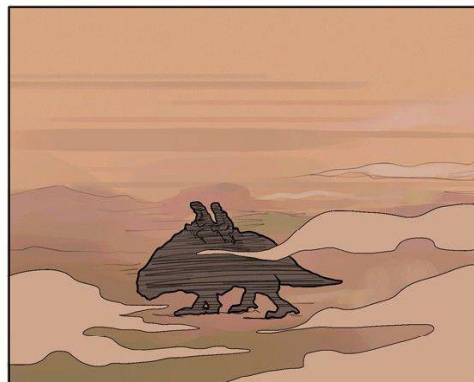
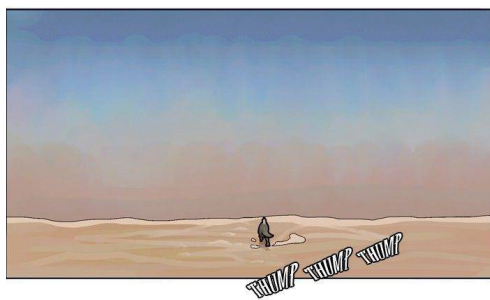
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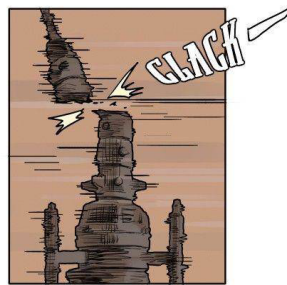
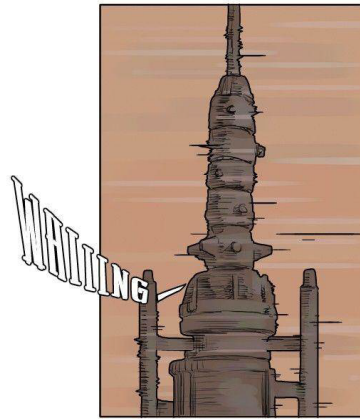


IT WAS ONE OF THOSE DAYS.

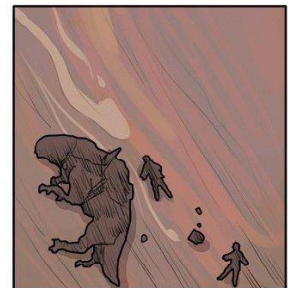


THUMP THUMP





SHARRING





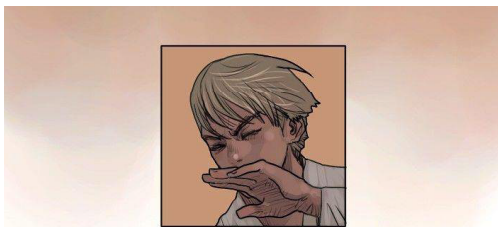
ARGHHH...

WHERE...AM I?

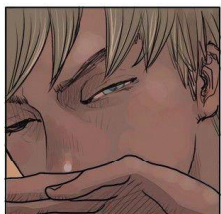
I CANNOT SEE
ANYTHING IN THIS
SAND STORM..!!







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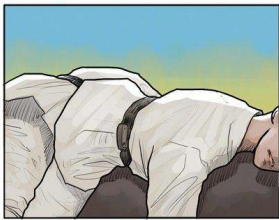
HURRY UP, I WILL
GET YOU HOME
SAFELY, LUKE.



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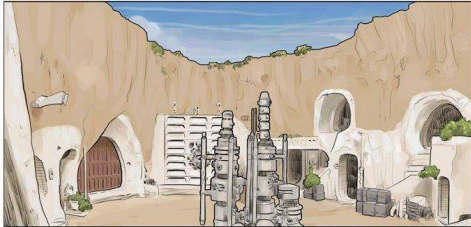
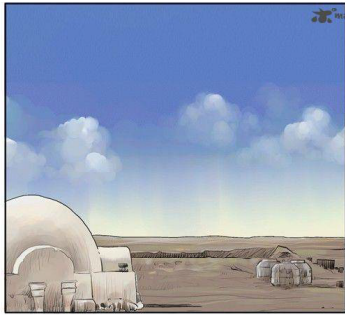
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THAT KRAYT DRAGON MIGHT HAVE KILLED THE KIDS IF I DIDN'T FOLLOW THEM. HE'S BARELY HURT SO HE SHOULD BE OKAY.

I APPRECIATE THAT YOU SAVED LUKE, BUT PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE AND DO NOT COME BACK.



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I DON'T WANT TO PUT HIM IN DANGER.



HOW LONG DO YOU THINK LUKE WILL BE STAYING ON YOUR MOISTURE FARM?



OWEN, I HAVE BEEN DISCREETLY WATCHING OVER HIM FOR A LONG TIME.

HE IS VERY STRONG IN THE FORCE.



THE FORCE? THE JEDI WENT EXTINCT WITH THE REPUBLIC. SO DON'T EVER COME BACK.

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BEN...

NO, OBI-WAN.

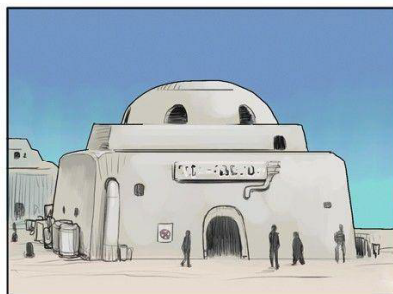
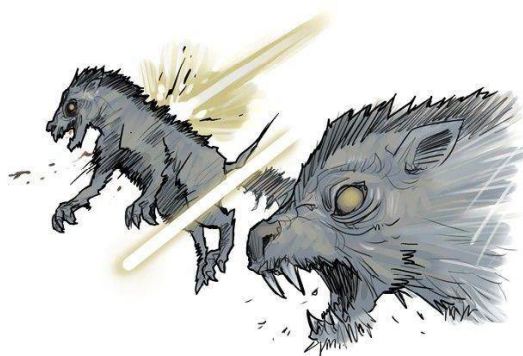
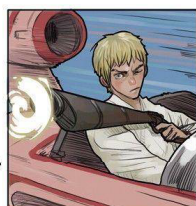


LUKE
4 YEARS LATER (17)

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BOUNTY ORDINANCE
10 CREDITS PER 1 WOMP RAT



GREAT JOB,
LUKE.

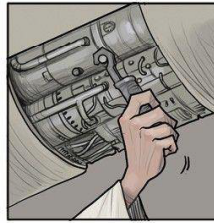
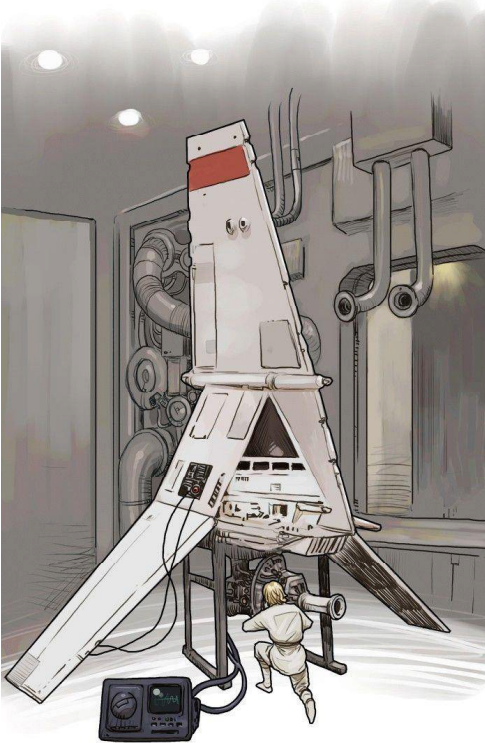


NOBODY CAN
BEAT YOU WHEN IT
COMES TO KILLING
WOMP RATS ON
TATOOINE.



THERE YOU GO,
YOUR BOUNTY
RECEIPT.

YOU CAN
EXCHANGE IT FOR
CREDITS AT THE
TOWN HALL.



HOW ARE YOUR
FIXES GOING, LUKE?



BIGGS!



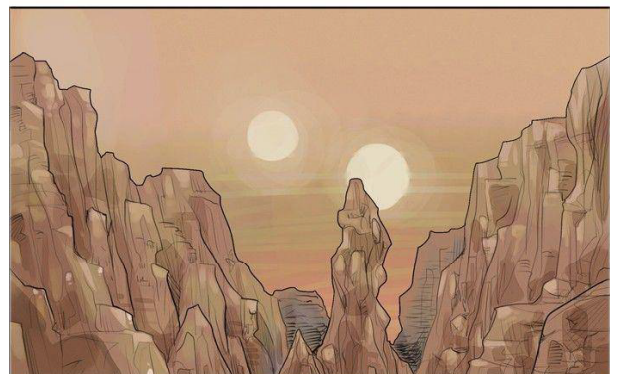
WERE YOU
UPGRADING THE
ENGINES OF YOUR T-16?
HOW COOL...

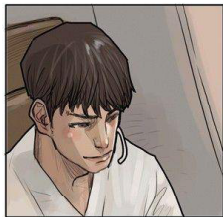
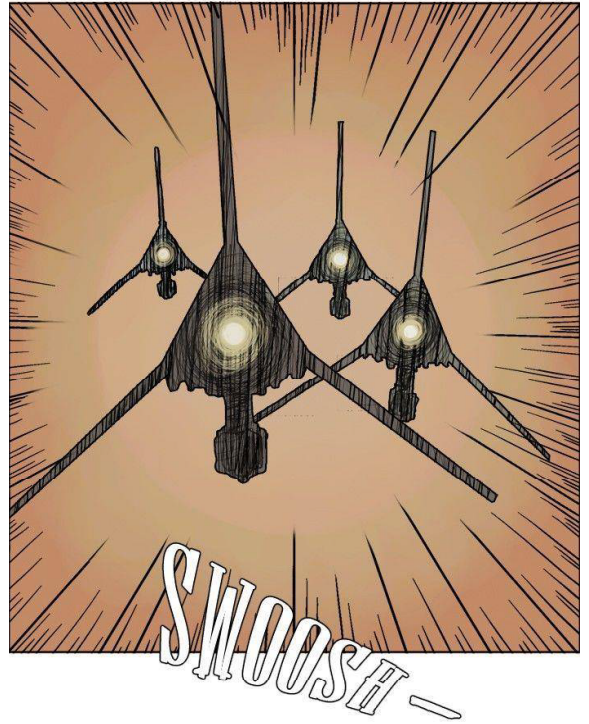
IT'S ALMOST DONE.
I BET I KILLED MORE THAN
1000 WOMP RATS TO PAY
FOR THIS.

HAHA...
I BET YOU
DID.

COME ON.
LET'S GO!
OUR PALS ARE
WAITING.

YOU ARE
JOINING OUR
T-16 RACING AT
BEGGAR'S CANYON.
RIGHT?

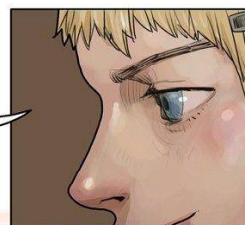




T-16 SKYHOPPER RACING WAS
ONE OF THE FEW THINGS WE COULD DO
FOR FUN ON TATOOINE



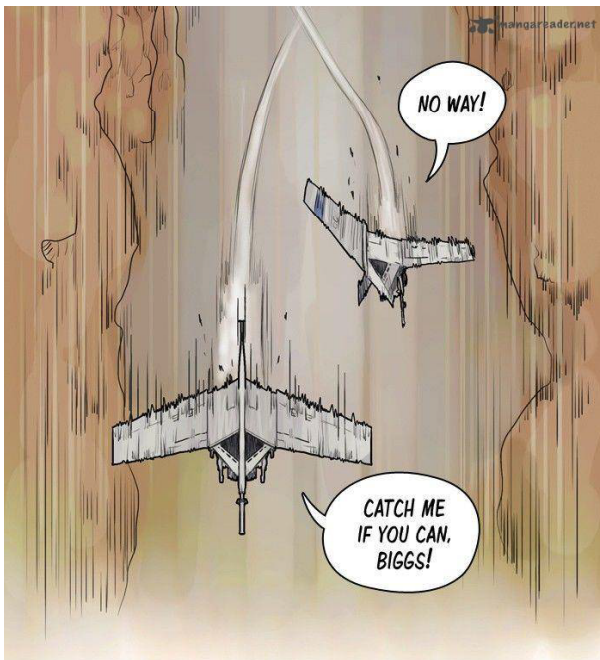
HAHA. LUKE,
IT SEEMS LIKE
I AM A WINNER
TODAY.



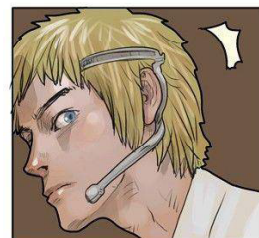
WE WILL
SEE.

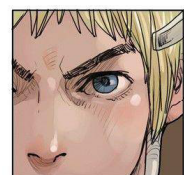
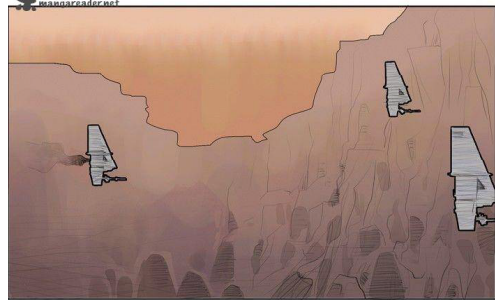
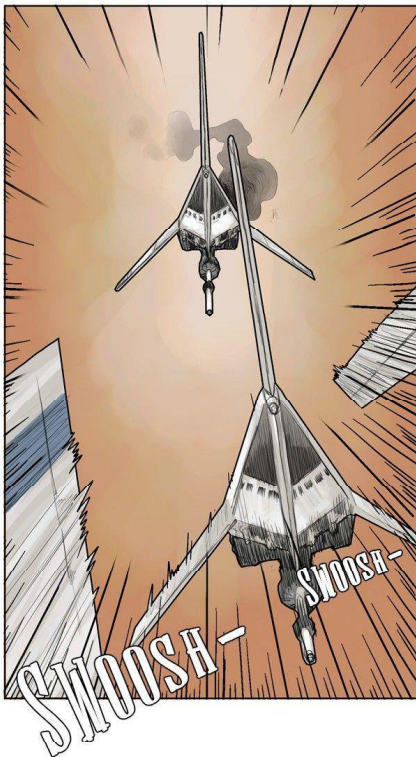
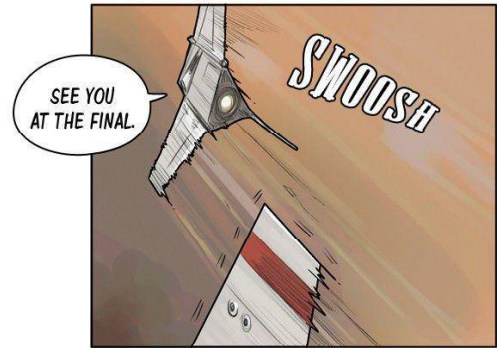
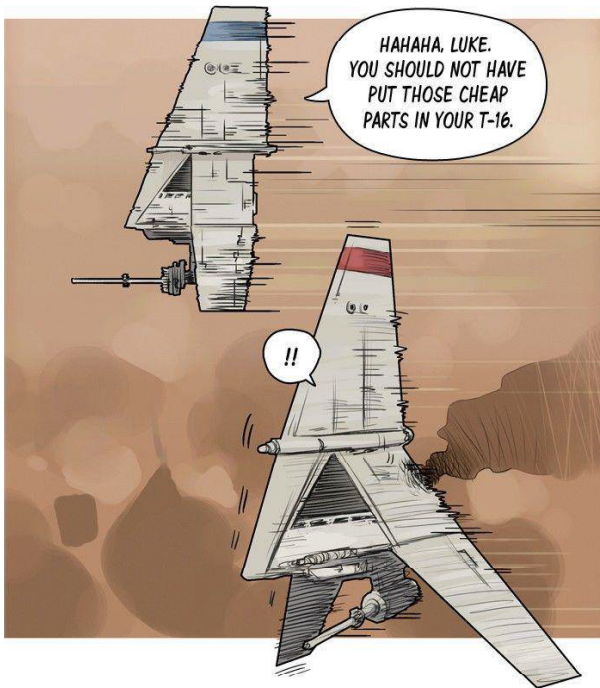


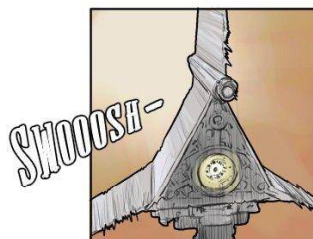
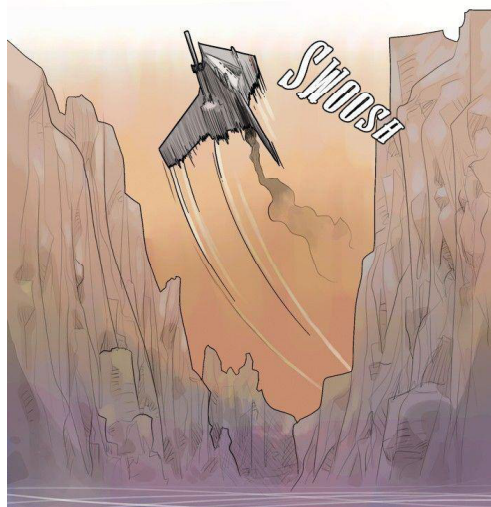
WE WERE READY TO
RISK WHATEVER
WE HAD TO PROVE OURSELVES
TO EACH OTHER.



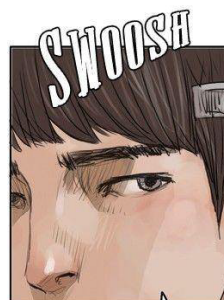
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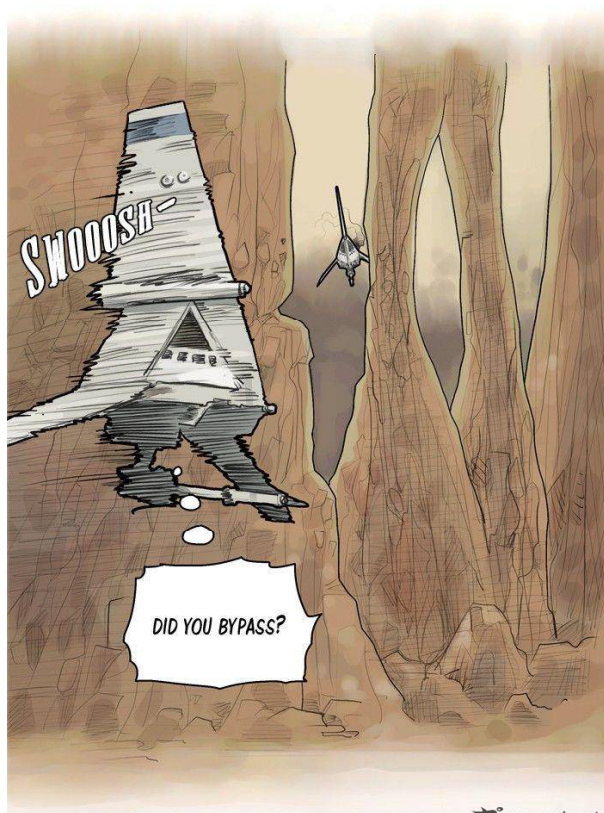




YAY!
I'M IN THE
LEAD!



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DID YOU BYPASS?



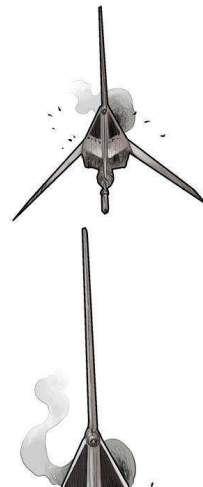
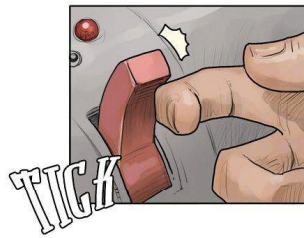
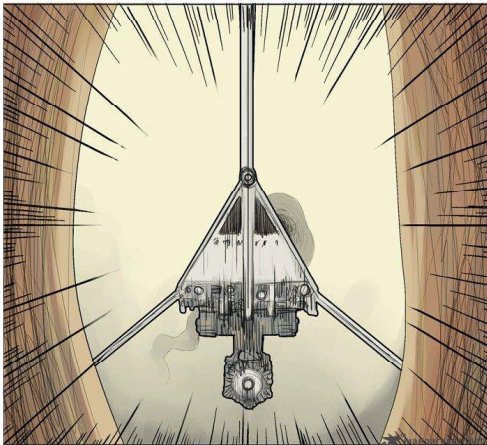
THAT'S DANGEROUS,
LUKE!



DON'T YOU DARE,
YOU IDIOT!

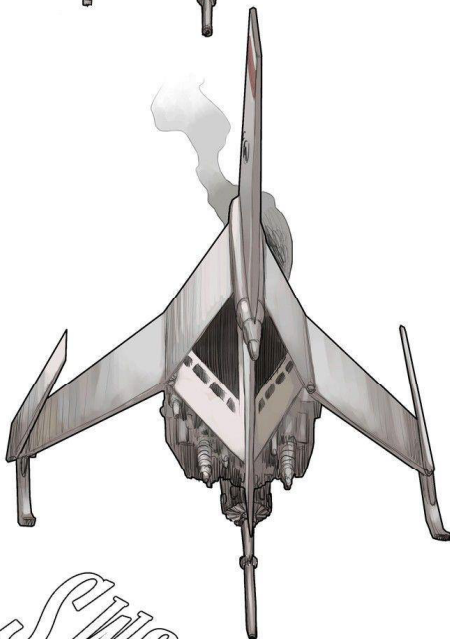


WATCH ME,
BIGGS!



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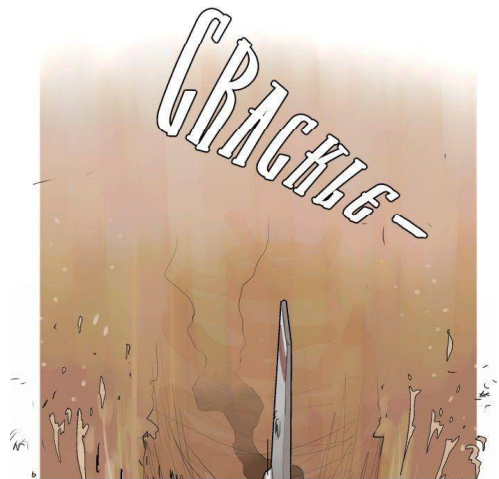
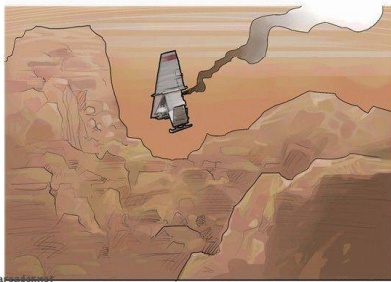
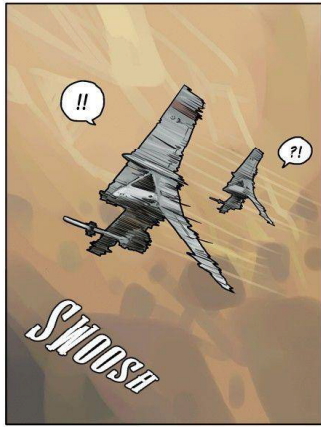
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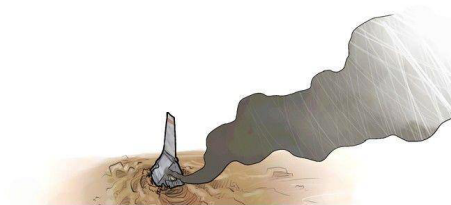
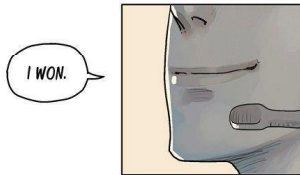
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EMERGENCY
LANDING?

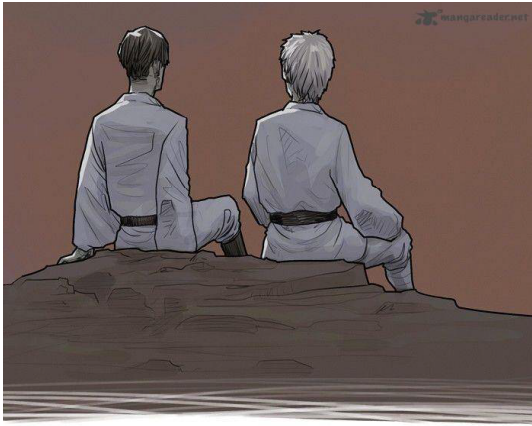




WHAT IS YOUR
DREAM?

WELL...
WOULD IT MATTER?
I WILL PROBABLY STAY
ON THE MOISTURE
FARM ANYWAY...

LUKE, I AM
GOING TO THE
ACADEMY.



REALLY?

YES.



I WILL BECOME
A LICENSED STAR
PILOT.



YOU SHOULD COME
JOIN THE ACADEMY.
I WILL WAIT FOR YOU.

WOW.
CONGRATULATIONS!

MY FRIENDS ARE
LEAVING THIS PLANET, ONE BY ONE.

WILL I EVER MAKE IT
OFF TATOOINE?

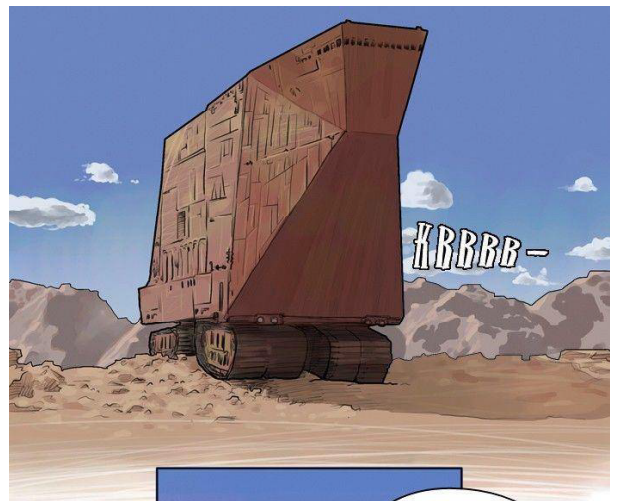
WHAT IS UNCLE OWEN SO AFRAID OF?

I KNOW HOW MUCH UNCLE OWEN AND
AUNT BERU LOVE ME BUT,

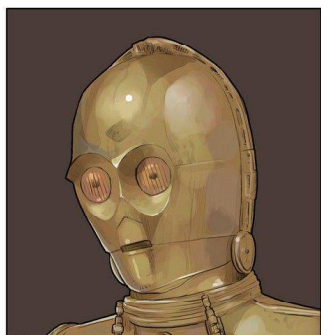
SOMETIMES

I AM AFRAID I WILL BE LEFT
ALONE ON THIS PLANET.

LUKE
2 YEARS LATER (19)



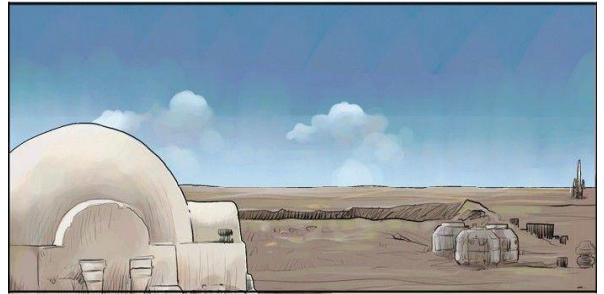
LUKE, COME OUT.
THE JAWA MERCHANTS
ARE COMING.



LUKE.
TAKE THESE DROIDS HOME AND CLEAN THEM UP.

FROM THAT DAY,
MY LIFE WAS FOREVER
CHANGED.

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UNCLE, I HAVE A FEELING
THAT THE DROIDS WE PURCHASED
ARE STOLEN ONES.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



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THE TRANSLATOR DROID
SAID THAT THEY CLAIM TO HAVE
TAKEN PART IN A FIGHT
WITH THE REBELS.



MAYBE THAT EXPLAINS
WHY THEY WERE IN
SUCH POOR SHAPE.

REALLY? I WONDER WHAT BROUGHT
THE REBELLION AND THE EMPIRE
TO THIS UNSOPHISTICATED PLANET.



ANYWAYS...
I WAS WIPING DOWN
EVERY NOOK AND
CRANNY AND....

THANK YOU, SIR.
I REALLY DO
LOVE OIL BATHS.
THANK THE MAKER.

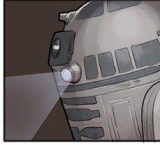
WHAT
A TALKATIVE
DROID...

AND WHEN I WAS TRYING TO
GET OUT SOME DUST IN BETWEEN THE CRACKS,
I ACCIDENTALLY PRESSED R2-D2'S BUTTON.



THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN,
A PROJECTION POPPED OUT.

IT WAS A GIRL...
SHE LOOKED EXTREMELY
URGENT.



THE FILE HAD BEEN DAMAGED,
SO I COULDN'T REALLY TELL,
BUT IT HAD SOMETHING TO
DO WITH ASKING FOR HELP.

IT ALSO SAID THAT
THE MESSAGE NEEDS TO
BE TAKEN TO
THE DROIDS' MASTER.



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SOMEONE
CALLED
OBI-WAN
KENOBI.



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DELETE THE DROID'S
MEMORY BY
TOMORROW.



STOLEN GOODS
OR NOT,
IT'S OURS NOW.

WHAT IF...



IT WOULD HAVE
SOMETHING TO DO
WITH BEN KENOBI
WHO LIVES IN
THE DESERT?



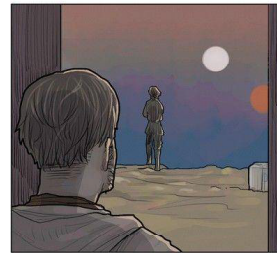
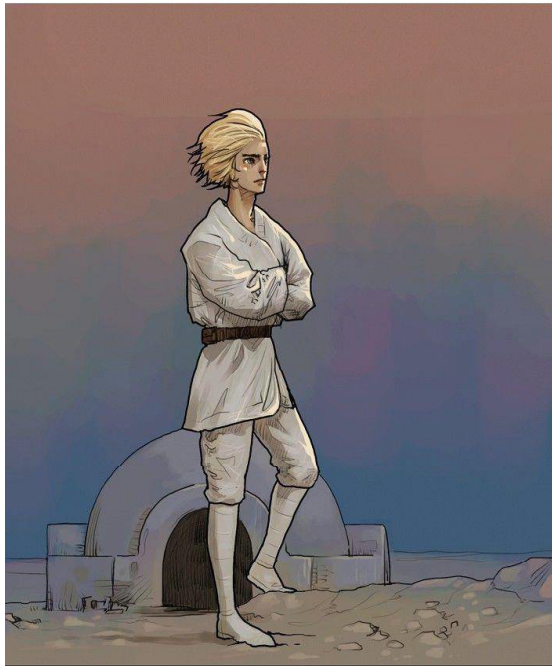
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NO, THAT
OLD MAN DIED.
A LONG TIME AGO.



NOW THAT YOU ARE
ALL GROWN UP,
STOP DAYDREAMING
ABOUT SUCH USELESS
BUSINESS AND FOCUS ON
MOISTURE FARM WORK.





LUKE'S JUST NOT
A FARMER, OWEN.
HE HAS TOO MUCH OF
HIS FATHER IN HIM.



THAT'S WHAT
I'M AFRAID OF.



WHERE HAVE
ALL THE DROIDS
GONE TO?

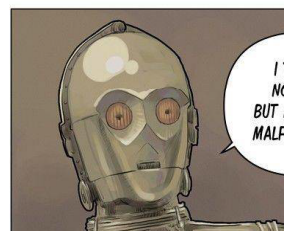


MASTER.



IT WASN'T
MY FAULT, SIR.
PLEASE DON'T
DEACTIVATE ME.

WHAT HAS
HAPPENED NOW,
C-3PO?



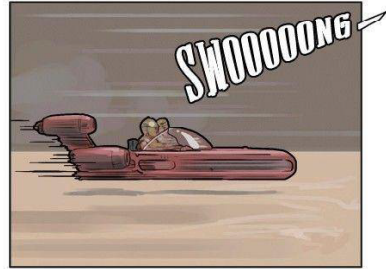
I TOLD HIM
NOT TO GO,
BUT HE'S FAULTY,
MALFUNCTIONING.



KEPT BABBLING ON ABOUT HIS MISSION AND WENT OUTSIDE TO FIND OBI-WAN KENOBI.

WHAT?

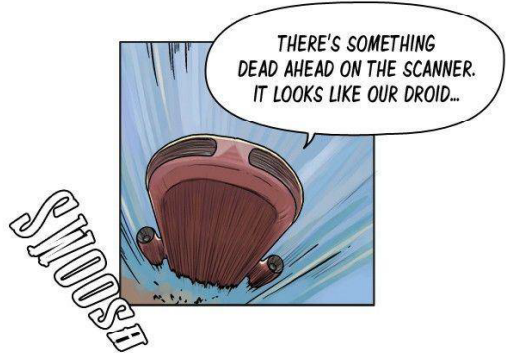
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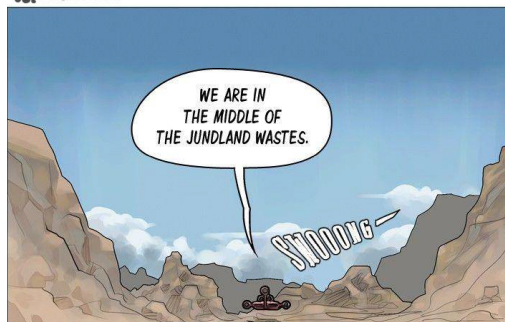


YOU KNOW THAT LITTLE DROID IS GOING TO CAUSE ME A LOT OF TROUBLE. I HAVE TO FIND THEM BEFORE UNCLE OWEN FINDS OUT...



I'M SORRY, SIR. BUT MAY I ASK WHERE WE ARE HEADED?



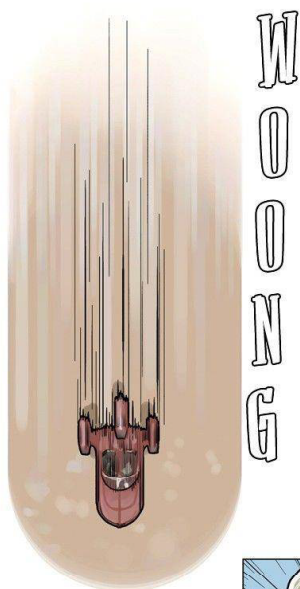


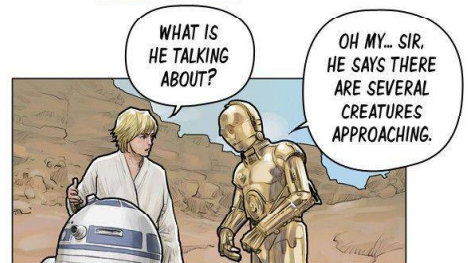
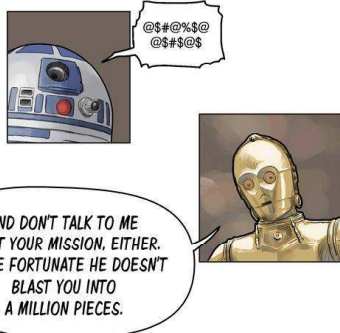
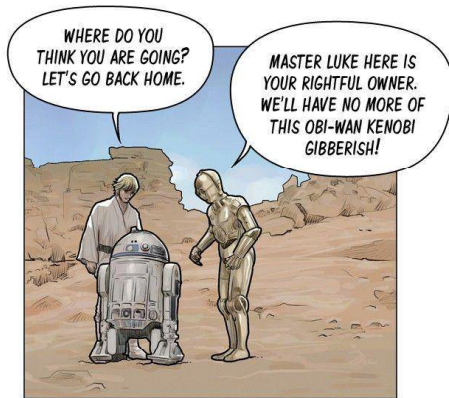
SAND PEOPLE.
THE DEN OF
THE TUSKEN RAIDERS.



THEY ARE DANGEROUS
NOMADIC WARRIORS.
WE BETTER NOT MEET
THEM THERE.

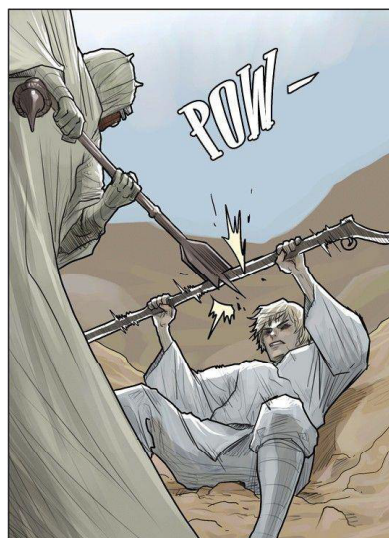
WE NEED TO FIND
ARTOO AND GET OUT OF
HERE FAST.

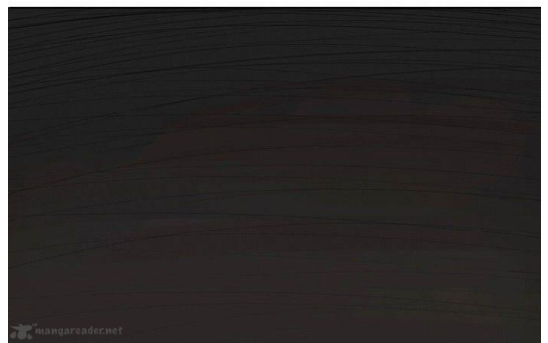
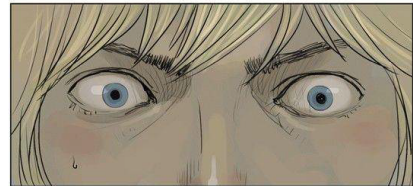
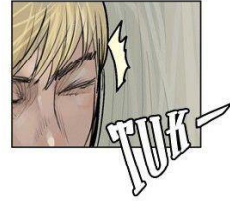


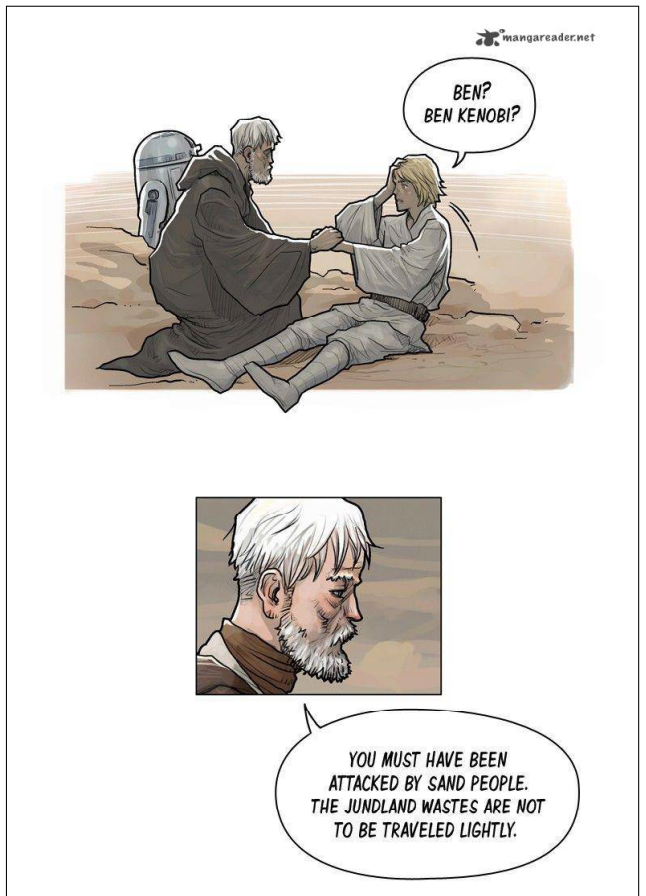
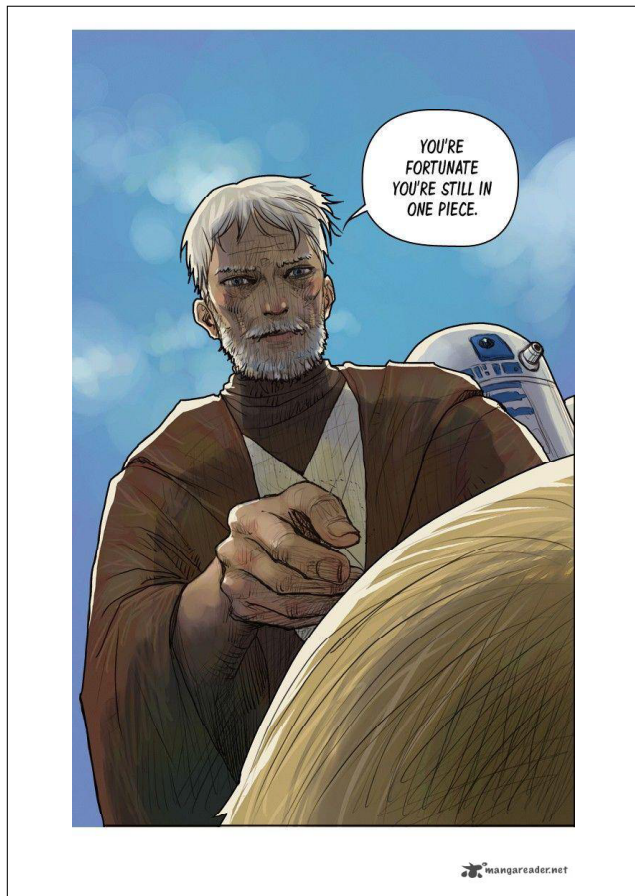
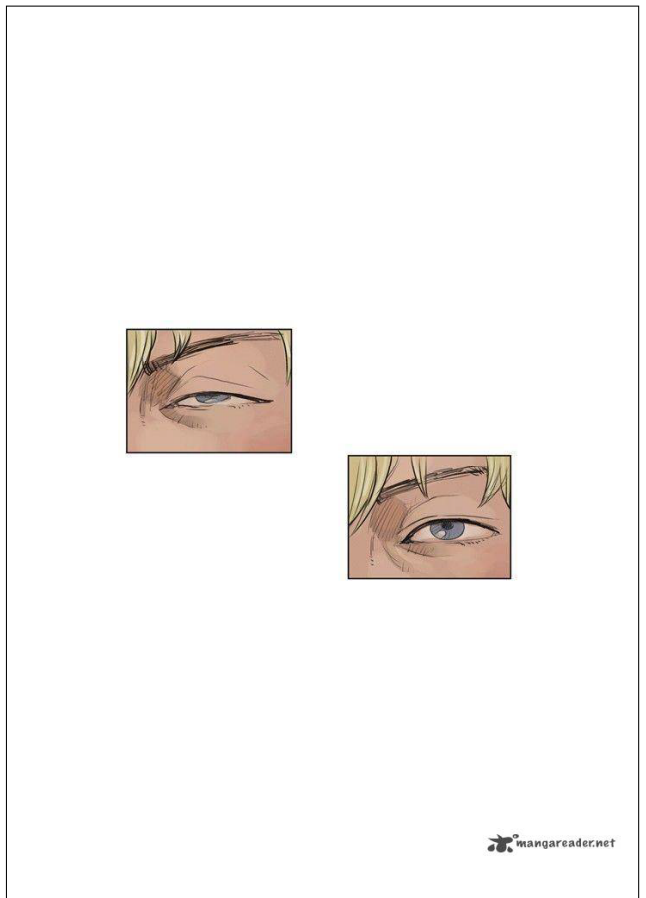
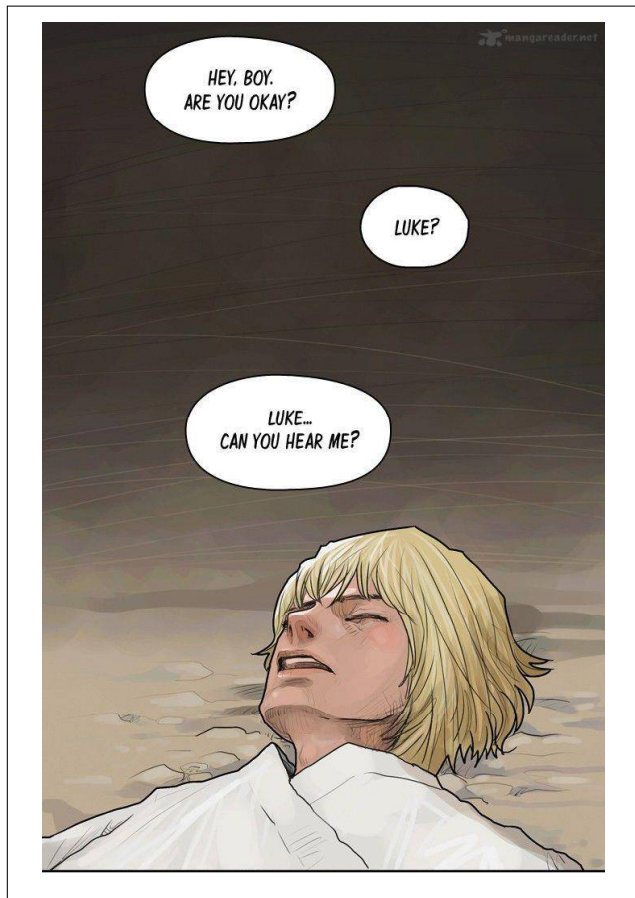


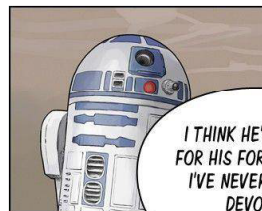
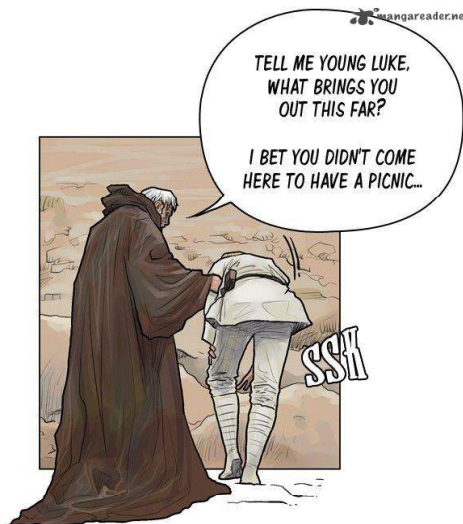


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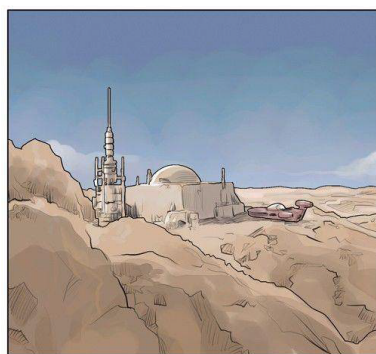


I THINK HE'S SEARCHING
FOR HIS FORMER MASTER.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH
DEVOTION IN
A DROID BEFORE.

HE CLAIMS TO BE
THE PROPERTY
OF AN OBI-WAN KENOBI.
DO YOU KNOW WHO
HE'S TALKING ABOUT?



HE'S ME.



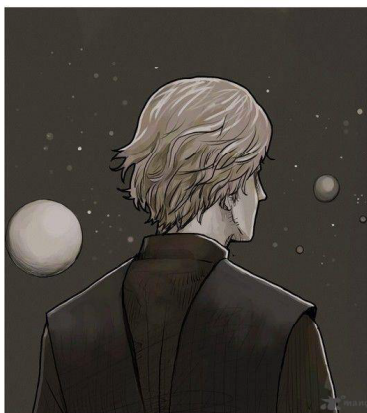
YES. HOW DID YOU KNOW?



BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HOLD WITH YOUR FATHER'S IDEALS. THOUGHT HE SHOULD HAVE STAYED HERE AND NOT GOTTEN INVOLVED.



LUKE, YOUR FATHER.

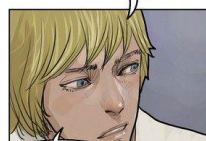


HE WAS THE BEST STAR PILOT IN THE GALAXY.

AND A CUNNING WARRIOR OF THE JEDI KNIGHTS THAT KEPT PEACE IN THE REPUBLIC FOR A LONG TIME.

WE WERE LIKE BROTHERS...

REALLY?



MY UNCLE NEVER TOLD ME ANY OF THAT.

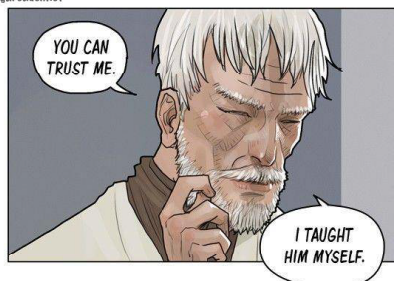


YOUR FATHER, ANAKIN SKYWALKER.



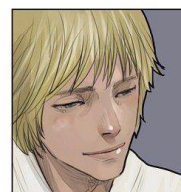
HE WAS THE BEST JEDI I'VE SEEN.

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YOU CAN TRUST ME.

I TAUGHT HIM MYSELF.





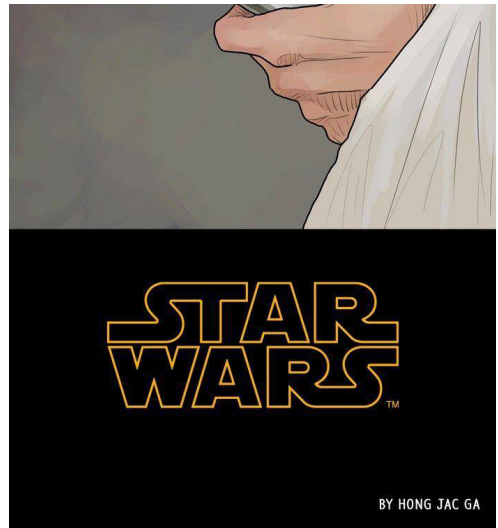
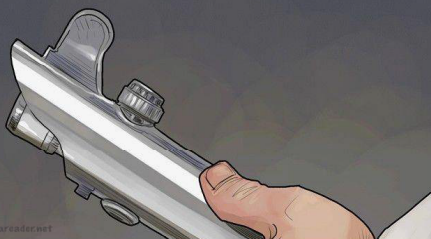
YOUR FATHER WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS WHEN YOU WERE OLD ENOUGH, BUT YOUR UNCLE WOULDN'T ALLOW IT.

HE FEARED YOU MIGHT FOLLOW OLD OBI-WAN ON SOME DAMNED-FOOL IDEALISTIC CRUSADE LIKE YOUR FATHER DID.

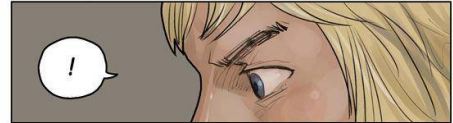
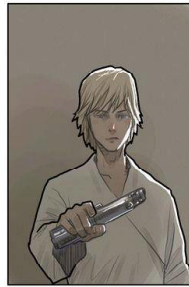


WHAT IS THAT?

LUKE,
THIS IS THE WEAPON
OF A JEDI KNIGHT.
AN ELEGANT WEAPON FOR
A MORE CIVILIZED TIME.



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LIGHTSABER.

IT'S THE WEAPON OF THE JEDI. FOR OVER A THOUSAND GENERATIONS THE JEDI KNIGHTS WERE THE GUARDIANS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE OLD REPUBLIC.



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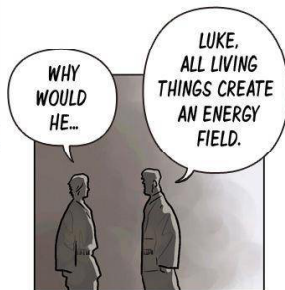
HOW DID MY FATHER DIE?

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BY A JEDI NAMED "DARTH VADER."



THE POWER OF THE FORCE IS INFINITE AND POWERFUL,

BUT THERE ARE RISKS.



ONE CAN BE DEVoured BY THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.

IT IS JUST LIKE THE SHADOW GETTING DARKER WHEN THE LIGHT GETS STRONGER.

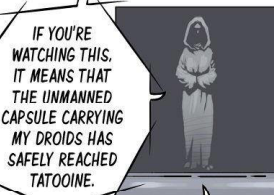
JEDI SHOULD ALWAYS BE CAREFUL OF THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.

ALSO, WE HAVE TO OVERCOME FEAR.



VADER WAS SEDUCED BY THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.





GENERAL, I'VE HEARD THAT YEARS AGO YOU SERVED MY FATHER IN THE CLONE WARS.

I REGRET THAT I AM UNABLE TO PRESENT MY FATHER'S REQUEST TO YOU IN PERSON.



BUT MY SHIP HAS FALLEN UNDER ATTACK AND I'M AFRAID MY MISSION TO BRING YOU TO ALDERAAN HAS FAILED.



I HAVE PLACED INFORMATION VITAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE REBELLION INTO THE MEMORY SYSTEMS OF THIS ARTOO UNIT.



YOU MUST SEE THIS DROID SAFELY DELIVERED TO HIM ON ALDERAAN ON MY BEHALF.



THIS IS OUR MOST
DESPERATE HOUR.

ALL MY
ATTENDANTS ARE
GONE AND THE
EMPIRE
WILL STRIKE
THIS PLACE SOON.



HELP ME,
OBI-WAN KENOBI.

YOU'RE
MY ONLY
HOPE.



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I HAVE BEEN
WATCHING YOU
FOR A WHILE.

YOU ARE
VERY STRONG
IN THE FORCE.



LIKE YOUR
FATHER WAS.

COME
WITH ME TO
ALDERAAN.

WHAT?

I'M NOT GOING TO ALDERAAN.
THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
I'VE GOT TO GO HOME.
IT'S LATE, I'M IN FOR IT AS IT IS.

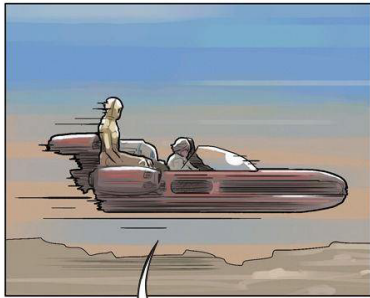
OH, GOD, MY UNCLE. HOW AM
I EVER GOING TO
EXPLAIN THIS?

IF THE IMPERIAL
ARMY IS LOOKING FOR
THE DROID,

THIS PLACE ISN'T
SAFE ANYMORE.

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I CAN TAKE YOU AS FAR AS ANCHORHEAD.



THERE MUST BE A WAY FOR YOU TO GET A TRANSPORT TO ALDERAAN OR WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING.



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LUKE, WATCH OVER THERE.

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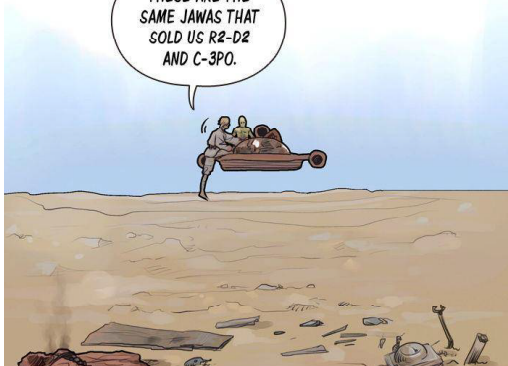
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THESE ARE THE SAME JAWAS THAT SOLD US R2-D2 AND C-3PO.



WHO WOULD DO SUCH...

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COULD IT BE THE SAND PEOPLE...?



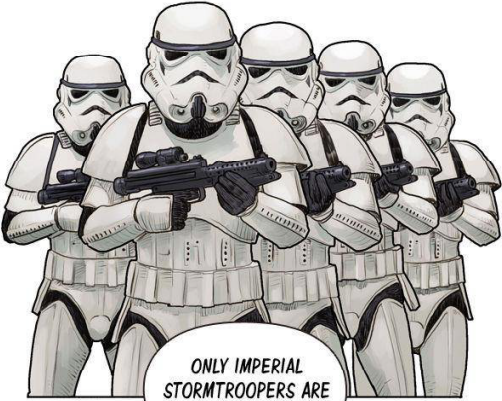


NO. IT'S IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS. THEY MUST BE HERE FOR THE DROIDS.

THE JAWAS COLLECTED THE DROIDS AND SUFFERED FOR IT.


AND THESE FOOTSTEPS... BLASTER MARKS...



TARGETED TO THE CORE. TOO ACCURATE FOR SAND PEOPLE.




ONLY IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS ARE SO PRECISE.

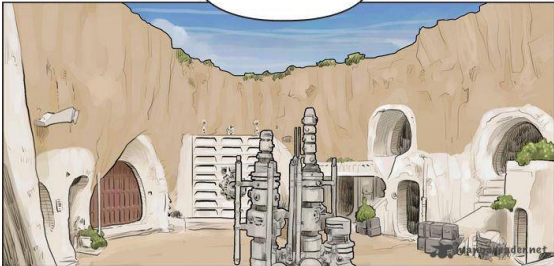


IF THEY TRACED THE DROIDS HERE AND KILLED THE JAWAS, THEY MAY HAVE LEARNED WHO THEY SOLD THEM TO.

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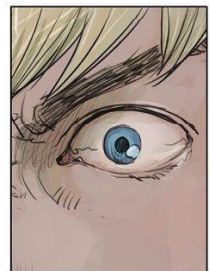
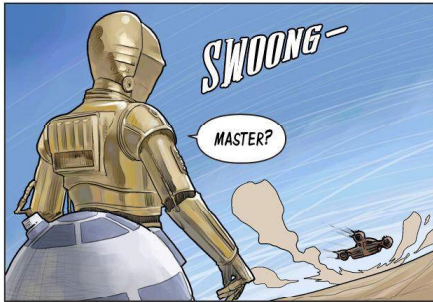
AND THAT WOULD LEAD THEM HOME!

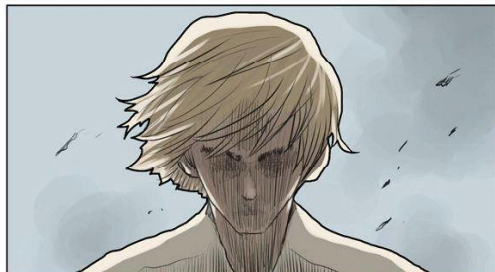
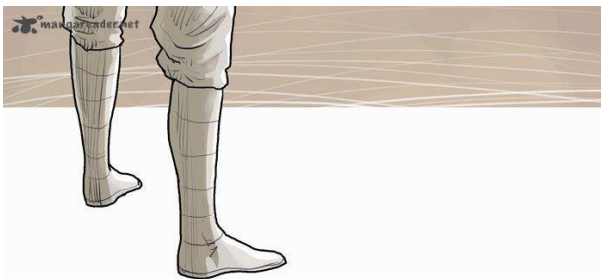
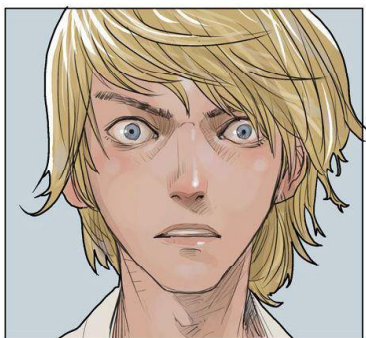


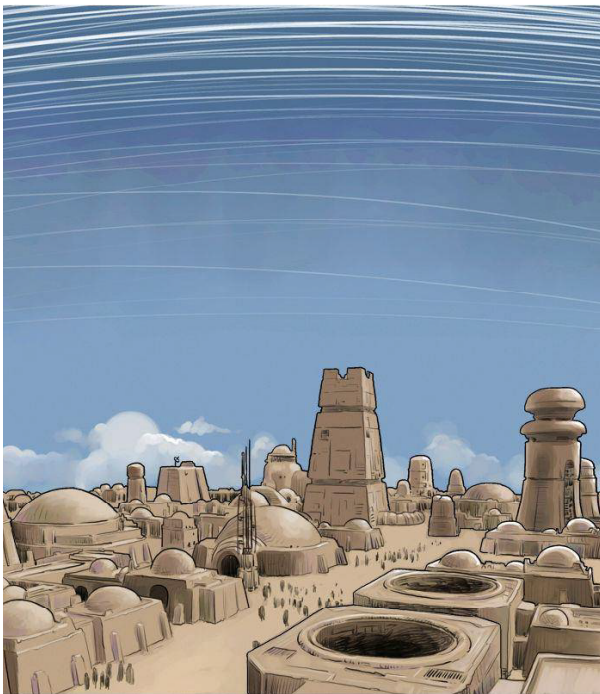
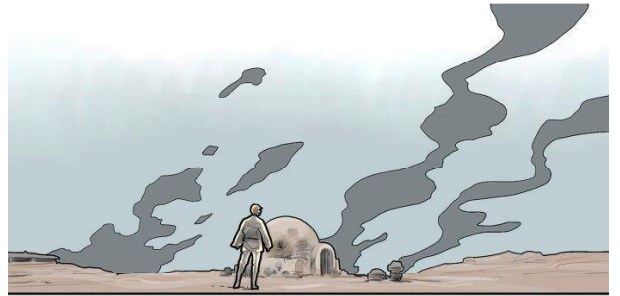
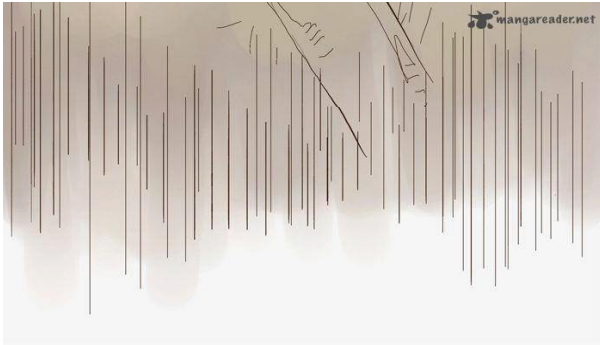
MY UNCLE AND AUNT ARE IN DANGER!

TAT TAT

WAIT, LUKE! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.

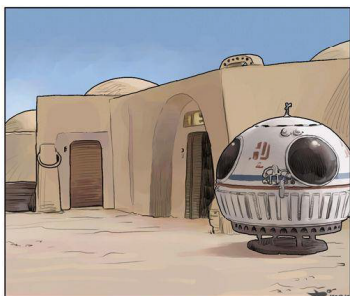






STEP
STEP





SO, WHAT BUSINESS BRINGS YOU HERE TO MOS EISLEY WHERE ALL OF THE GALAXY'S TRASH COMES TOGETHER?



WE NEED A SHIP THAT CAN TAKE US TO ALDERAAN.

A FAST SHIP.

WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS.



OKAY... SO WHAT'S THE CARGO?

ONLY PASSENGERS. MYSELF, THE BOY NEXT TO ME. TWO DROIDS.



AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

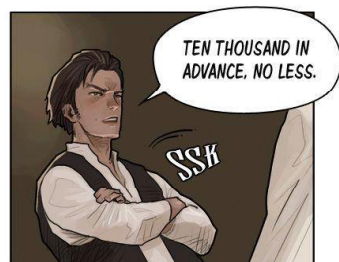


YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT MAN.

I'M HAN SOLO. I'M CAPTAIN OF THE MILLENNIUM FALCON.



IT'S MY SPECIALTY TO TRAVEL AROUND THE GALAXY WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT BY THE EMPIRE.



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LOOKS LIKE THE
IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS
ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE
AN INTEREST IN YOUR
HANDIWORK.



TAKE YOUR
DROIDS AND MEET
ME AT DOCKING
BAY 94. BE THERE
IN ONE PIECE.



GOING
SOMEWHERE?

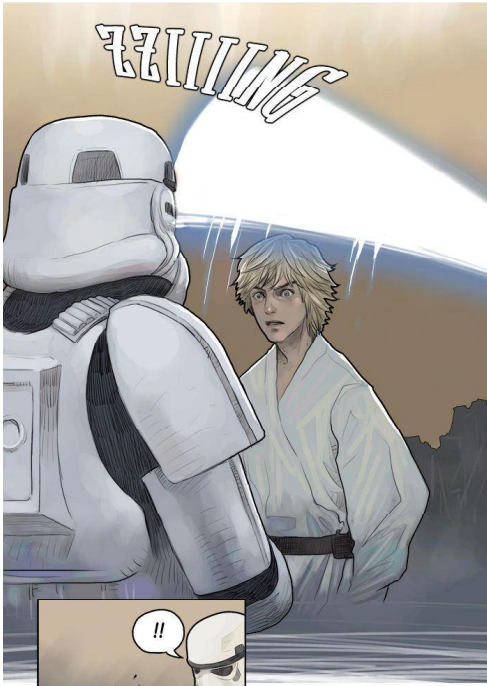
HAN SOLO.



THERE,
STOP!



LET ME SEE YOUR
IDENTIFICATION.





JABBA THE HUTT.
WHAT BRINGS YOU
HERE TO MY SHIP?



AH... SOLO.
THERE YOU ARE.

SURPRISED TO
SEE ME ALIVE?



HAN, MY BOY,
YOU'RE TOO
VALUABLE TO FRY.
NO WAY THAT ROOKIE
COULD HANDLE YOU.



BUT YOU KNOW..
IF YOU TRY TO RUN FROM
ME WITH THE DEBT YOU HAVE.
IT WOULDN'T JUST BE
A ROOKIE AT YOUR BACK.

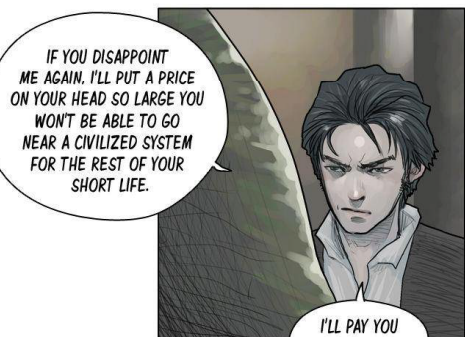
WHERE WOULD I BE IF
EVERY PILOT WHO SMUGGLED
FOR ME DUMPED THEIR
SHIPMENT AT THE FIRST SIGN
OF AN IMPERIAL STARSHIP?

DON'T WORRY.
I CAN PAY YOU BACK.
PLUS A LITTLE EXTRA.
I JUST NEED
SOME MORE TIME.



YOU STILL
HAVE THE GUTS
TO SAY THAT TO ME.

HA..HA..
OF COURSE, HAN,
MY BOY.



IF YOU DISAPPOINT
ME AGAIN, I'LL PUT A PRICE
ON YOUR HEAD SO LARGE YOU
WON'T BE ABLE TO GO
NEAR A CIVILIZED SYSTEM
FOR THE REST OF YOUR
SHORT LIFE.

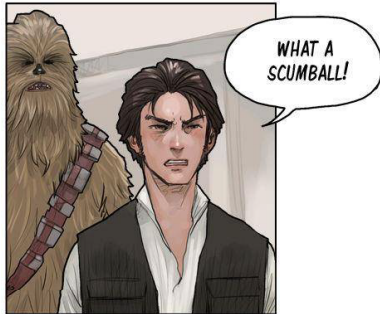
I'LL PAY YOU
BECAUSE IT'S MY
PLEASURE.



LET'S GO.



ONE MONTH.
ONE MORE MONTH
AND THAT'S IT.



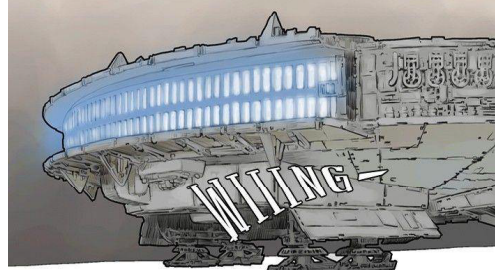


READY YOUR BLASTERS AND
MOVE TO DOCKING BAY 94.



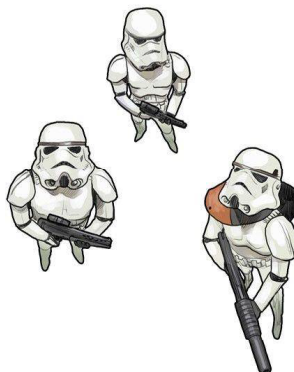
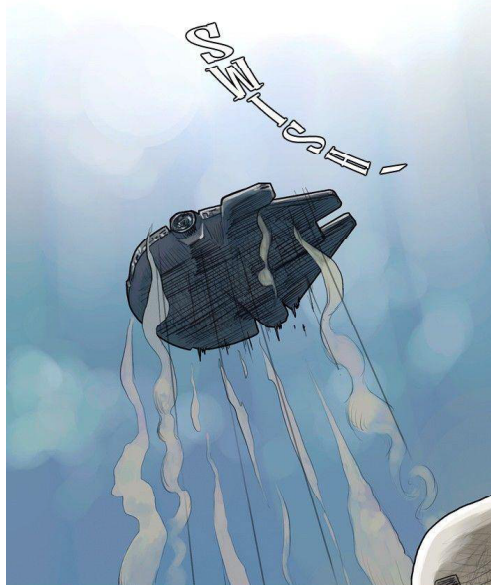
I THINK 17,000
WOULD BE MORE
THAN ENOUGH TO
GET A SPACESHIP
LIKE THIS.

THAT'S
ENOUGH.



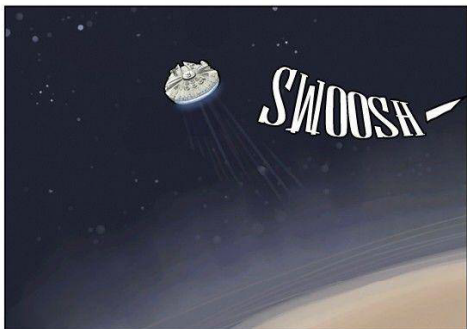


I AM SICK OF
IMPERIAL
STORMTROOPERS.



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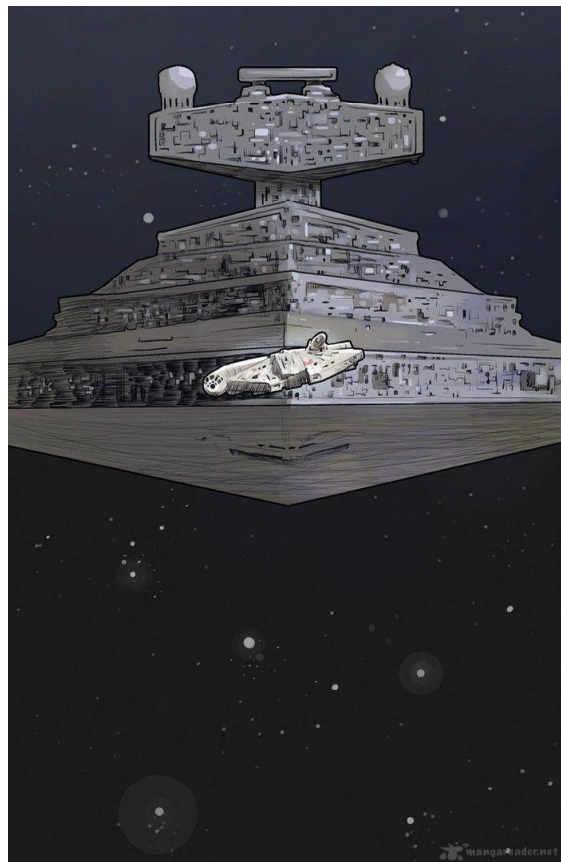
What's
going on?

WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU SEEING
ON THE RADAR?



IT SEEMS
LIKE OUR...

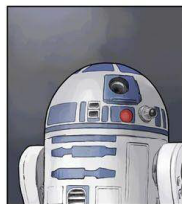
PASSENGERS
MUST BE IN MORE
TROUBLE THAN
I THOUGHT.



HEY, YOU TWO..
YOU GUYS WERE SUCH
BIG SHOTS THAT AN
IMPERIAL CRUISER
HAD TO FOLLOW
YOU?



YOU NEVER
TOLD ME ABOUT THAT.



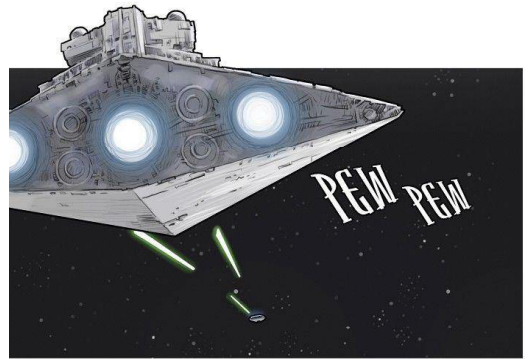
17000 IS ENOUGH TO
HANDLE ANY UNEXPECTED
SITUATION.



THAT'S
NONSENSE...

THIS IS NOT
THE TIME TO
ARGUE!





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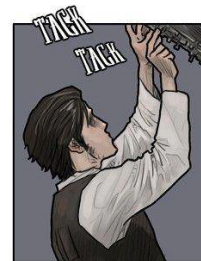
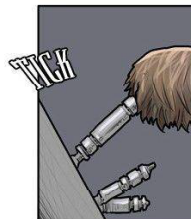
I'M GOING TO MAKE THE JUMP TO LIGHTSPEED.

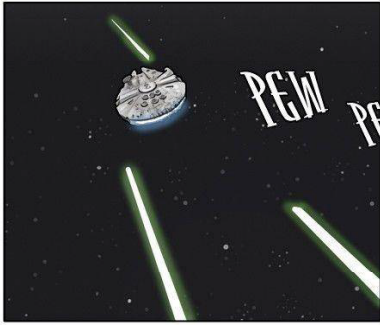


LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT.



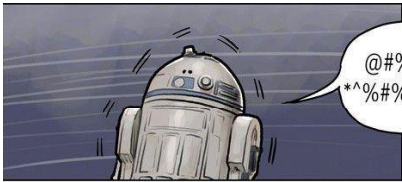
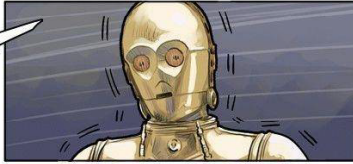
ONLY TO ALDERAAN. I WILL NOT GET INVOLVED WITH THIS, SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.





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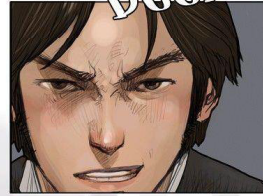
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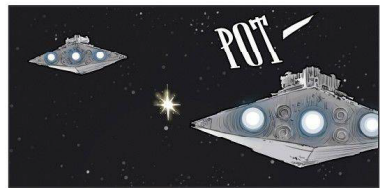
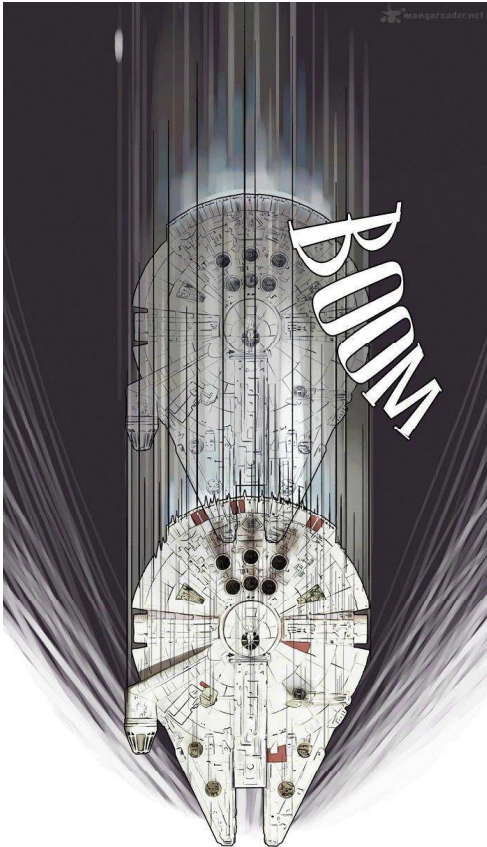
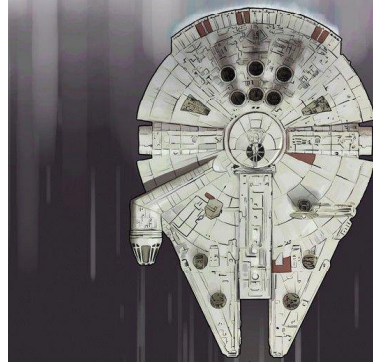
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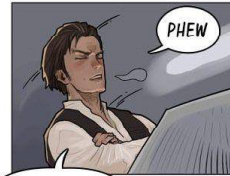
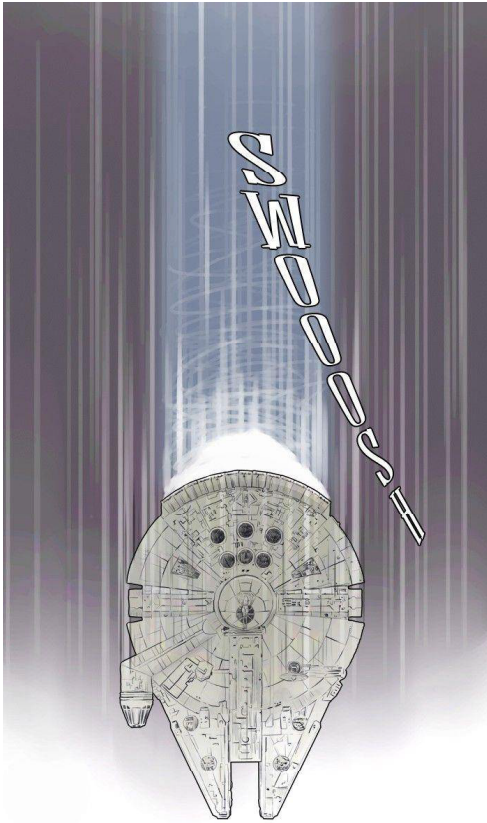


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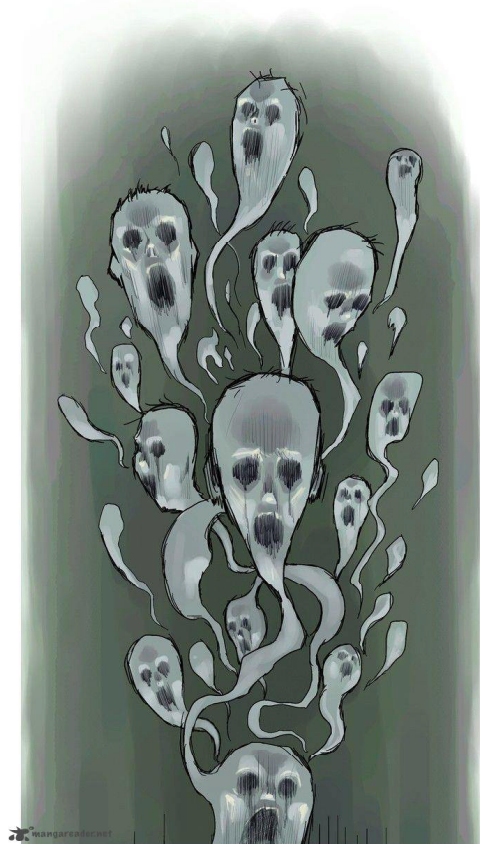
HERE'S
WHERE THE
FUN BEGINS.

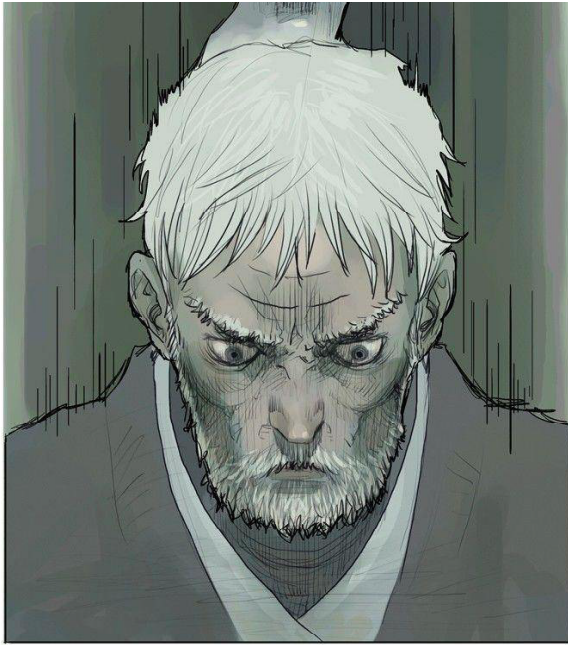




IT'S OKAY NOW
THAT WE'RE IN
HYPERSPACE.

TAKE SOME REST.
WE SHOULD BE AT
ALDERAAN IN ABOUT
OH-TWO-HUNDRED
HOURS.





BEN.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG?

NO.



I FELT A GREAT
DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE...
AS IF MILLIONS OF VOICES SUDDENLY
CRIED OUT IN TERROR AND
WERE SUDDENLY SILENCED.



I FEAR
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE HAS
HAPPENED.



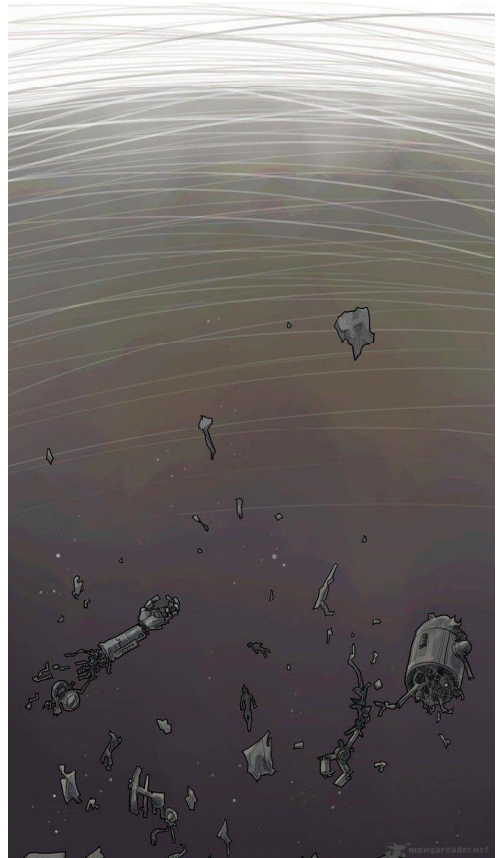
LUKE, YOU'D
BETTER GET ON
WITH YOUR
EXERCISES.

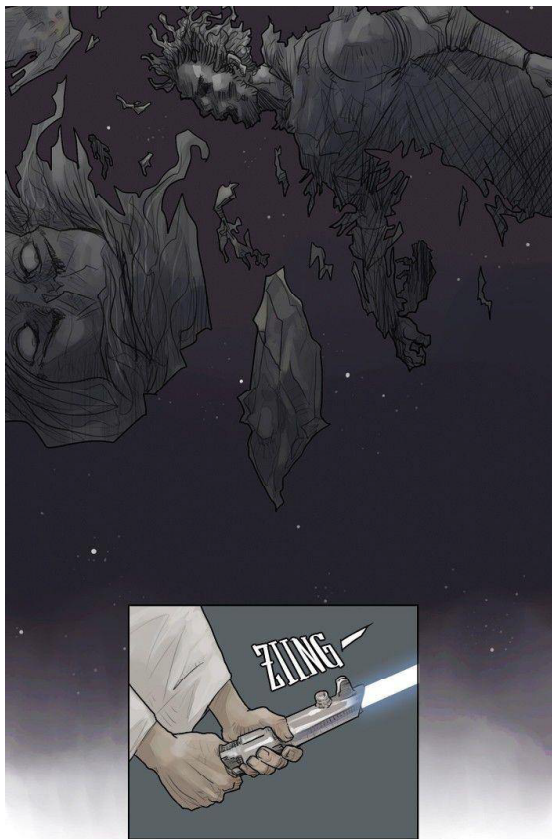


YOU NEED TO
GET STRONGER TO
BE ABLE TO STOP
THE EMPIRE.

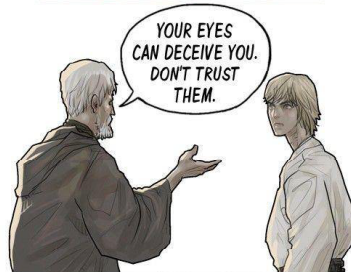


STRONGER THAN
YOUR FATHER.



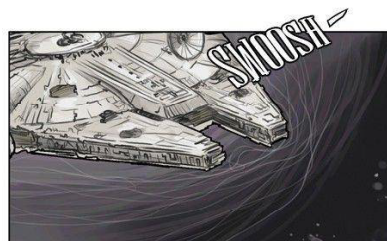
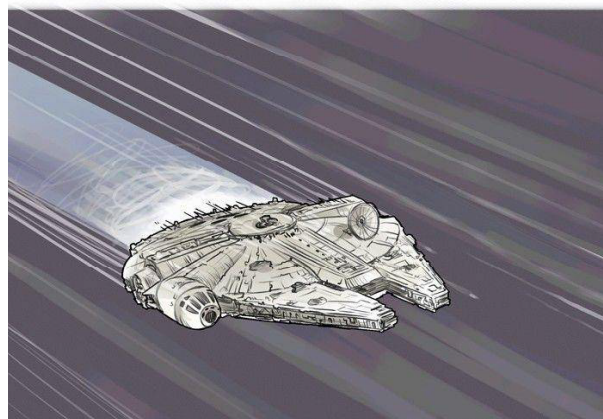
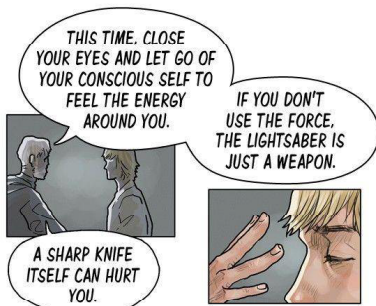


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STAND BY,
CHEWIE, SLOWLY...
HERE WE GO.



WHAT THE...?!
IT'S AN ASTEROID
FIELD!

WHAT'S
GOING ON?



WE'VE COME OUT OF
HYPERSPACE INTO
AN ASTEROID FIELD.



OUR POSITION IS
CORRECT, EXCEPT...
NO, ALDERAAN.

NO WAY...



ALDERAAN HAS BEEN
DESTROYED...
BY THE EMPIRE.

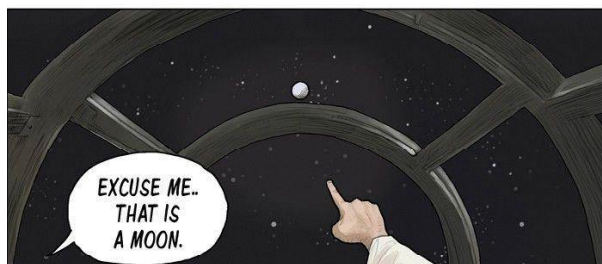
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NOW I UNDERSTAND...
WHY THE FORCE HAS
GONE SILENT...



WHAT?
THE ENTIRE STARFLEET
COULDN'T DESTROY
THE WHOLE PLANET.
IT WOULD TAKE A
THOUSAND SHIPS WITH
MORE FIRE POWER....

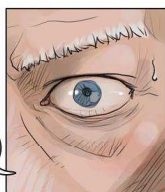
THERE IS A PLANET!
MAYBE THAT'S
ALDERAAN?



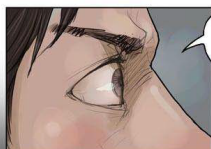
EXCUSE ME..
THAT IS
A MOON.



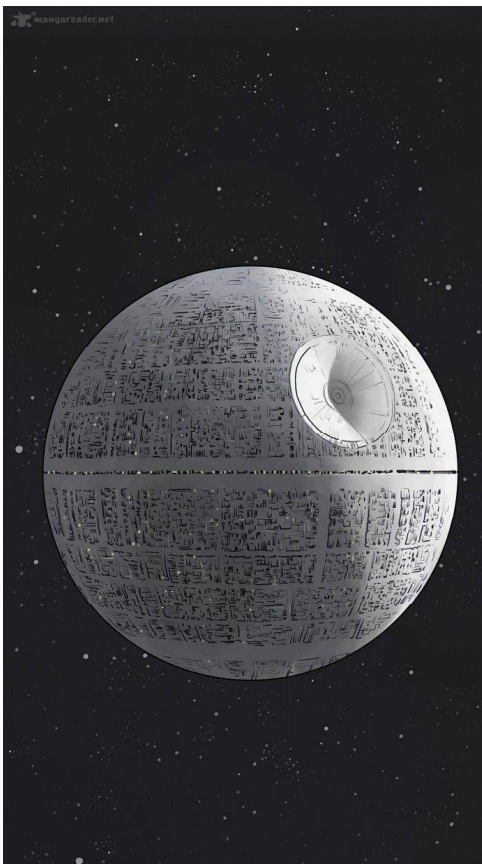
THAT'S NO MOON.
IT'S A SPACE STATION.

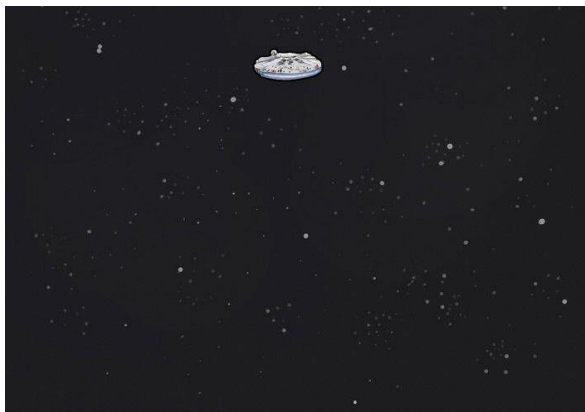


COME ON...
IT'S TOO BIG TO BE
A SPACE STATION.
I'VE NEVER SEEN
A SPACE STATION
THAT BIG..



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

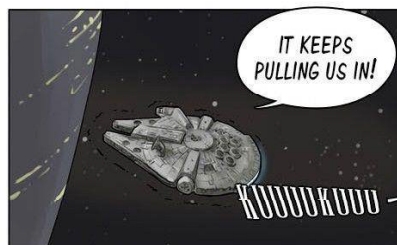
THE FALCON IS NOT WORKING.



WE'RE CAUGHT IN A TRACTOR BEAM. THAT SPACE STATION IS PULLING US IN!

BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO! YOU SAID SHE CAN MAKE POINT FIVE BEYOND THE SPEED OF LIGHT.

I KNOW!



IT KEEPS PULLING US IN!



WE'LL BE CAUGHT BY THE EMPIRE IF WE KEEP GOING THIS WAY.

EVERYONE, CALM DOWN.



THERE ARE
ALTERNATIVES
TO FIGHTING.

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GOVERNOR TARKIN,
WE'VE CAPTURED
A FREIGHTER WITH
A TRACTOR BEAM.

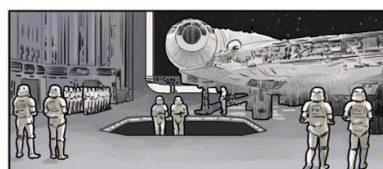
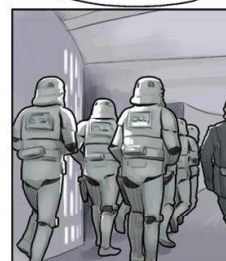
ITS MARKINGS
MATCH THOSE OF
A SHIP THAT BLASTED
ITS WAY OUT OF
MOS EISLEY, TATOOINE.

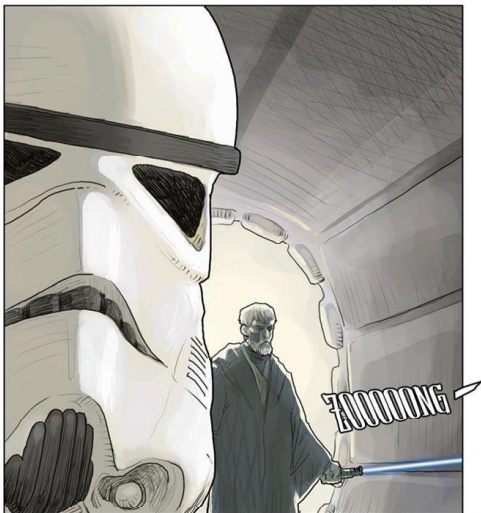
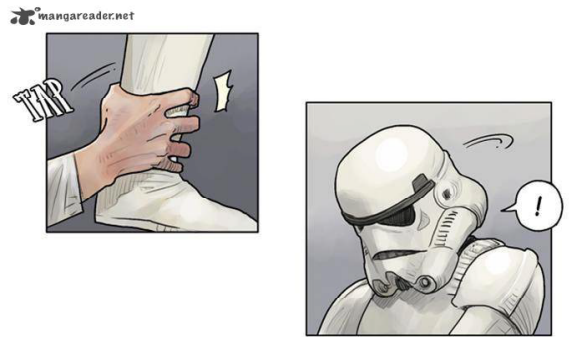
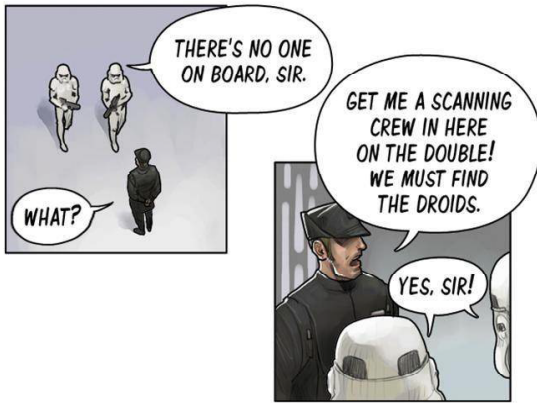


I WANT EVERY PART OF
THIS SHIP CHECKED!

ALL TROOPS,
TO YOUR STATIONS!

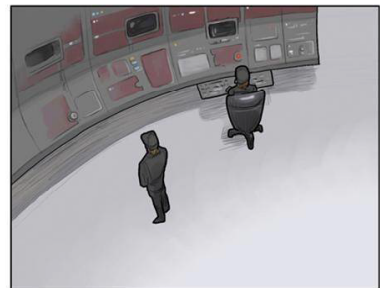
SEARCH EVERY METER
OF THE SHIP!





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WARS**™

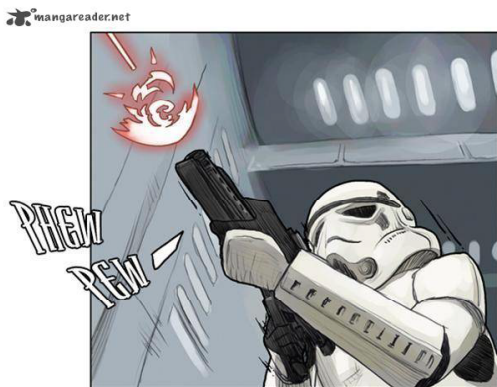
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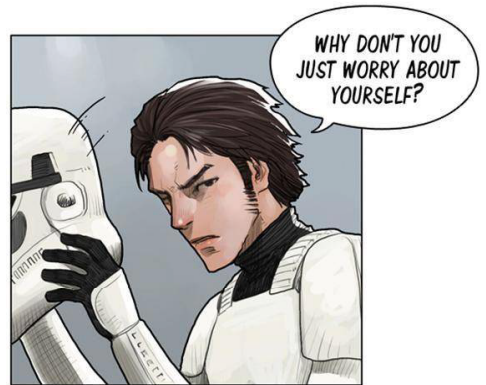


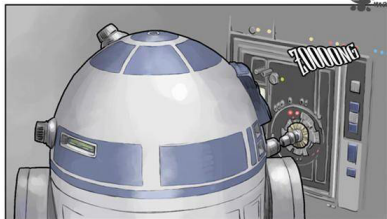
TK-421, DO YOU COPY?
WHY AREN'T YOU AT
YOUR POST?
TX-4120, DO YOU COPY?



WE HAVE LOST
CONTACT WITH THE
TWO TROOPERS INSIDE
CHECKING THE SHIP.







THEY MUST BE DELIVERED SAFELY
OR OTHER STAR SYSTEMS WILL SUFFER
THE SAME FATE AS ALDERAAN.



YOU MUST
FOCUS ON
WHAT'S MOST
IMPORTANT.

BUT...



YOU'RE VERY
SPECIAL.



YOU JUST HAVEN'T
REALIZED HOW SPECIAL
YOU ARE YET.

HOWEVER,
SOON ENOUGH,
YOU'LL REALIZE THAT THE
DESTINY OF THE WHOLE
GALAXY IS RESTING ON
YOUR SHOULDERS.

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I'M SORRY TO HAVE PUT
SUCH A HEAVY BURDEN ON YOU.

EVEN IN THE FACE OF
AN UNBEARABLE FATE,
YOU MUST OVERCOME IT.

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LUKE.

YOUR DESTINY LIES
ALONG A DIFFERENT
PATH THAN MINE.





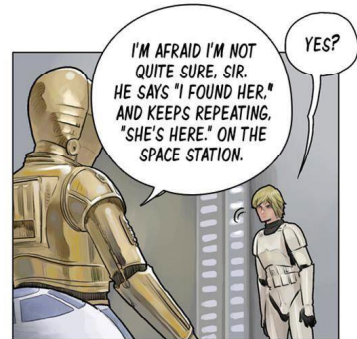
BE CAREFUL,
BEN.



THE FORCE
WILL BE
WITH YOU...
ALWAYS!



MASTER
LUKE...?



I'M AFRAID I'M NOT
QUITE SURE, SIR.
HE SAYS "I FOUND HER,"
AND KEEPS REPEATING,
"SHE'S HERE." ON THE
SPACE STATION.

YES?

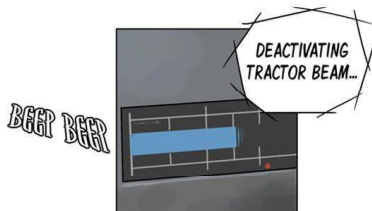


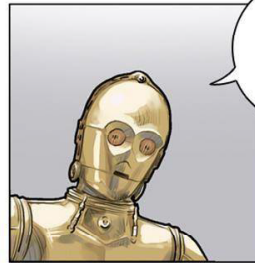
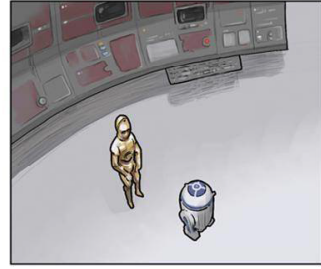
THE PRINCESS?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

YES, SIR.
SHE SEEMS TO BE UNDER
IMPRISONMENT. LEVEL FIVE.
DETENTION BLOCK A
A-TWENTY-THREE.

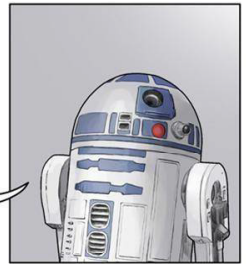


WHAT
PRINCESS?
WHAT'S
GOING ON?

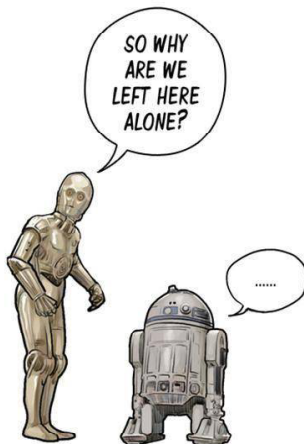




YOU KNOW, ARTOO.
OBI-WAN KENOBI CLEARLY
TOLD MASTER LUKE TO KEEP
AN EYE ON US EARLIER,
RIGHT?



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SO WHY
ARE WE
LEFT HERE
ALONE?

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ARGH!!



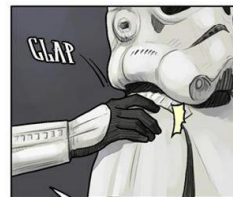


WELL...LUKE.
WHAT DO WE
DO NOW?

WE NEED TO
FIND THE
PRINCESS.



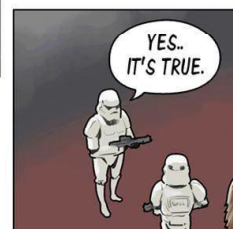
LET'S GO.



WAIT.



IS IT TRUE THAT
THE REWARD WOULD
BE QUITE A LOT TO
RESCUE THAT PRINCESS
OR WHOEVER?



YES..
IT'S TRUE.



ALL RIGHT, KID.
BUT YOU'D BETTER BE
RIGHT ABOUT THIS.

ALL RIGHT..

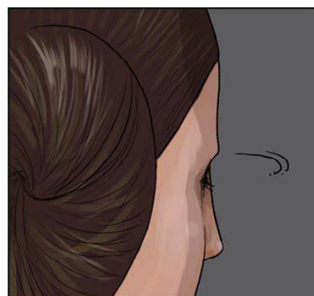
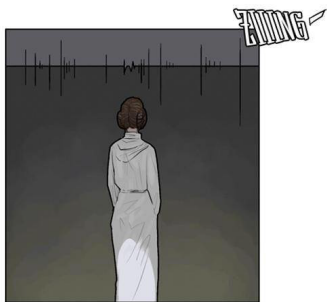
IF YOU ARE
LYING,

YOU'LL
REGRET IT.
OK?



WHATEVER
YOU SAY.





REPORTING TO
ALL TROOPS.

WE HAVE AN
EMERGENCY ALERT
IN DETENTION BLOCK
A A-TWENTY-THREE.



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TROOPS
DISPATCH
IMMEDIATELY.

ANNOUNCING
AGAIN...

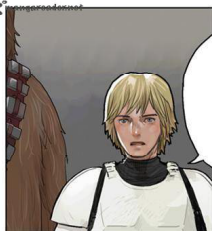


...INTRUDERS HAVE
BEEN DETECTED...

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UMMM...

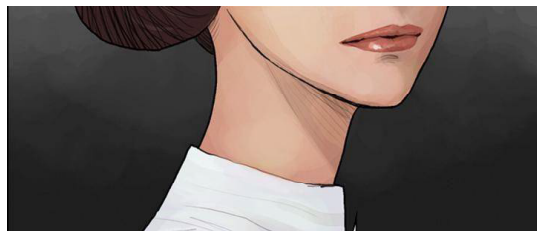
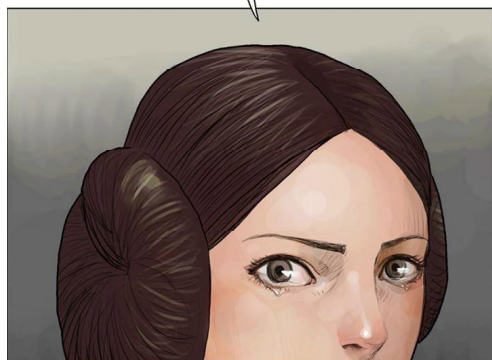


I AM LUKE SKYWALKER
FROM TATOOINE.

I AM HERE TO RESCUE
YOU AND TAKE YOU TO
ALDERAAN...

I'M GRATEFUL
THAT YOU CAME TO
SAVE ME.

BUT ALDERAAN IS
NO MORE.

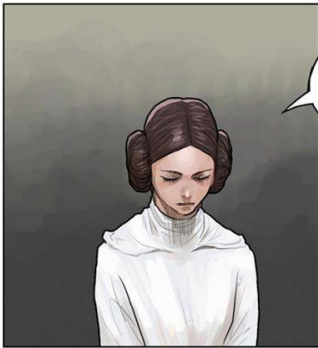


IT WAS DESTROYED BY
THE IMPERIALS.

WHAT?
SO, WHAT THE OLD MAN
WAS SAYING EARLIER
WAS TRUE?

HOW COULD THAT
EVEN BE POSSIBLE?

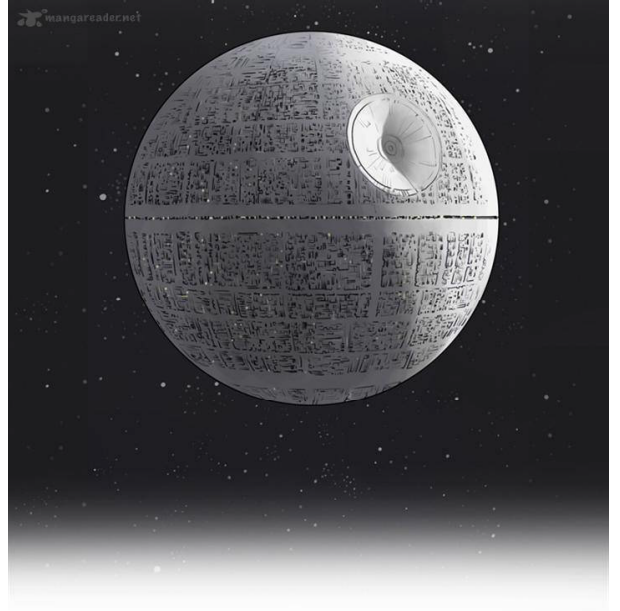




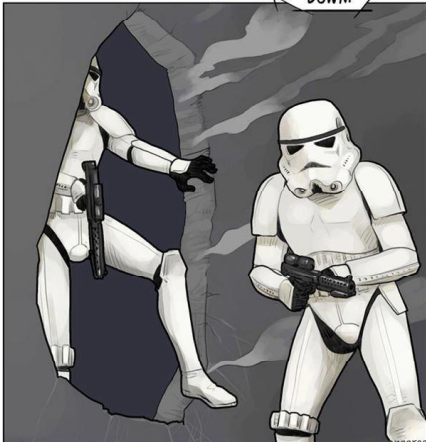
THIS PLACE...

ISN'T JUST
ANY OLD
SPACE STATION.

IT IS THE EMPIRE'S
NEW WEAPON THAT
CAN DESTROY AN
ENTIRE PLANET.



TAKE THE
INTRUDERS
DOWN.



YOU ARE
AUTHORIZED TO
KILL.

YOUR HIGHNESS.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
WE'LL LEAVE THE
DETAILS FOR LATER.



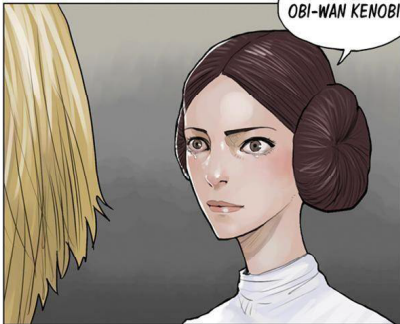
COME ON.

I AM HERE WITH
OBI-WAN KENOBI.





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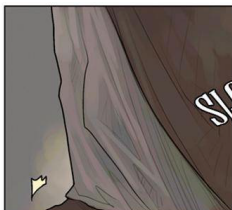


GENERAL
OBI-WAN KENOBI!

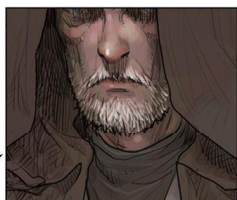


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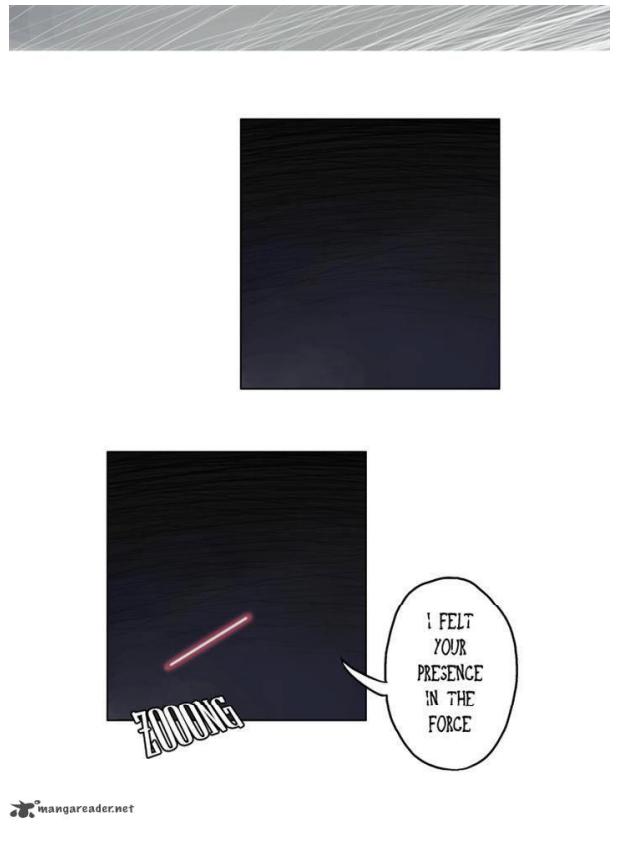
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IT'S BEEN
A WHILE.



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I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED YOU. EVERYTHING WENT WRONG.



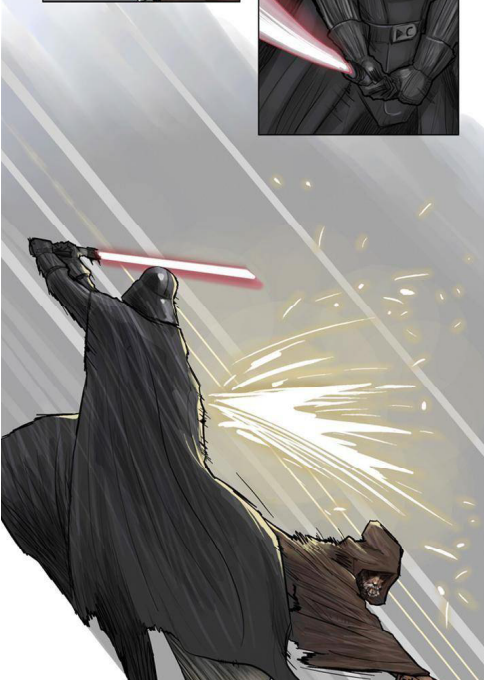
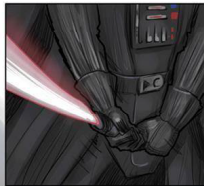
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OBI-WAN KENOBI
YOU WILL NOT HAVE A
SECOND CHANCE.



YOU CAN'T WIN,
DARTH.



YOUR POWERS ARE
WEAK OLD MAN



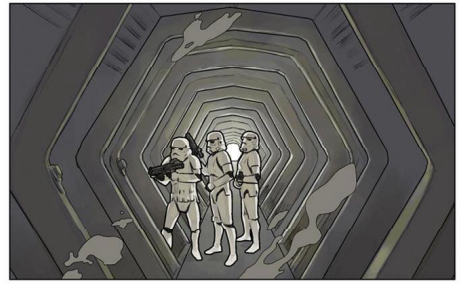


YOU SHOULD HAVE
NOT COME BACK

ZIP
ZIP



ZIP



WHERE DID THE
PRINCESS AND THE
INTRUDERS GO?

IT SEEMS THAT
THEY HAVE ALREADY
FLED.

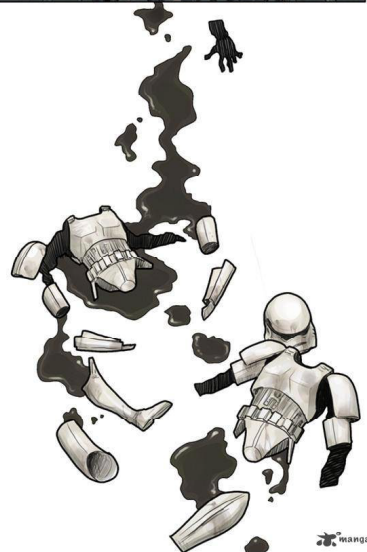


WHAT?
THAT'S
NONSENSE!

THERE IS NO OTHER
PASSAGEWAY IN THE
DETENTION AREA.



THEY MIGHT STILL
BE HIDING, KEEP
LOOKING!





THERE IS NO OTHER EXIT IN THE DETENTION AREA. I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE WITH MY IDEA.



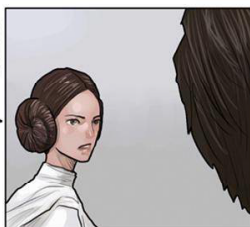
LOOK, YOUR WORSHIPFULNESS, LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT! I TAKE ORDERS FROM ONE PERSON! ME!

AND I DON'T PLAN ON TAKING ORDERS FROM ANYONE ELSE.



LISTEN. I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU CAME FROM.

BUT FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE WITH THE REBELS. SO YOU DO AS I TELL YOU.



WHAT? THE REBELS? I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU GUYS.

IF YOU HELPED A LEADER OF THE REBELS BREAK OUT FROM PRISON RIGHT BEFORE HER EXECUTION, THEN THAT MAKES YOU NOT JUST A PART OF THE REBELS, BUT A FIRST CLASS REBEL.



THE EMPIRE WON'T TAKE THAT WELL.

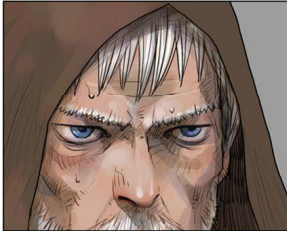
CHOM CHOM



NO REWARD IS WORTH THIS.

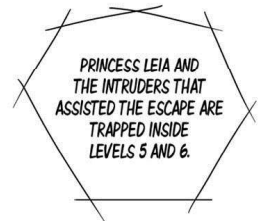
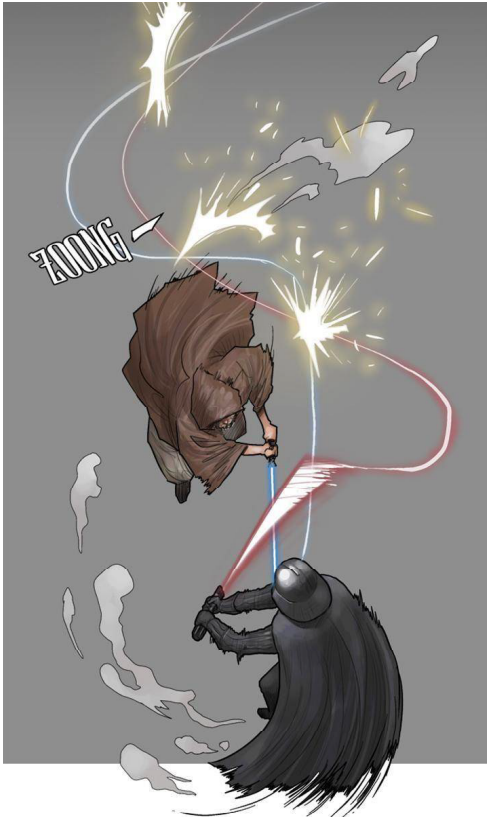


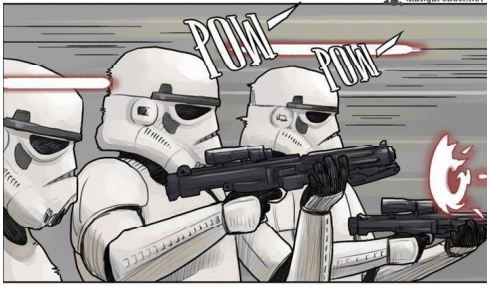




NO.

THE FORCE ISN'T
MERELY IN MY BODY.





OH COME ON.

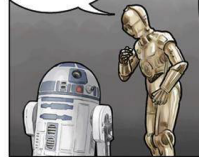
LET'S ALL SCATTER AND
MEET BACK UP AT THE
FALCON!



C-3PO! C-3PO!
WHERE ARE YOU?
DO YOU COPY?

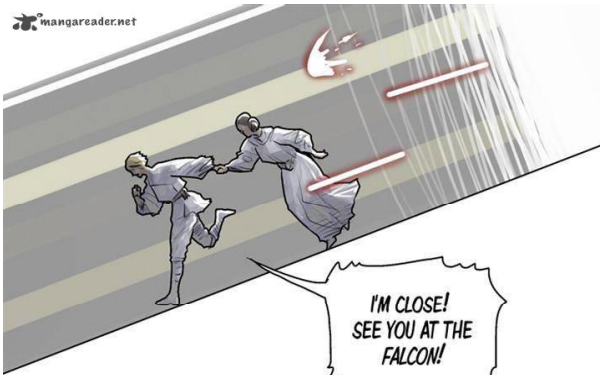
OH!
MASTER,
YOU ARE SAFE.

UH, WE ARE
IN THE MAIN
HANGER ACROSS
FROM THE SHIP.



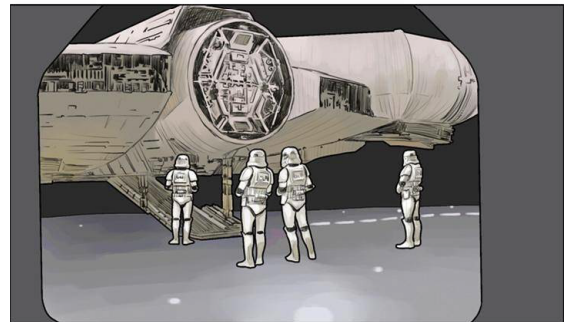
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I'M CLOSE!
SEE YOU AT THE
FALCON!

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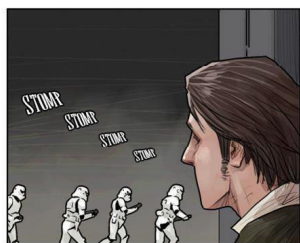
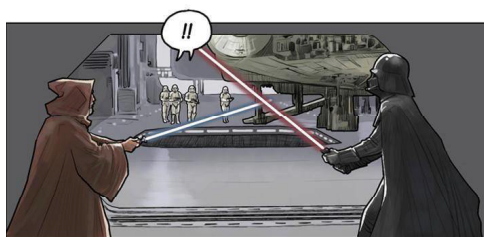
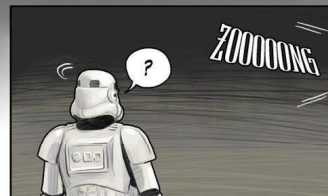
IF ONLY WE COULD GET
INTO THE FALCON.
I JUST HOPE THE OLD MAN
GOT THE TRACTOR BEAM
OUT OF COMMISSION.

YOU CAME IN
THAT THING?





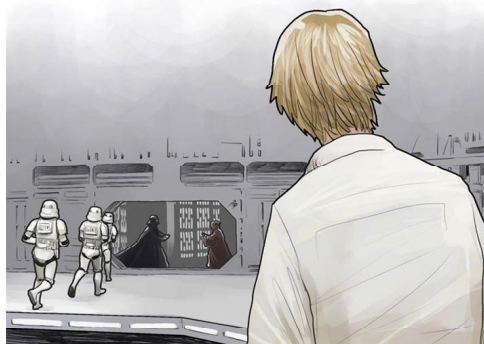
YOUR HIGHNESS, MAYBE YOU'D LIKE IT BACK IN YOUR CELL?



HUH? THEY ARE LEAVING.

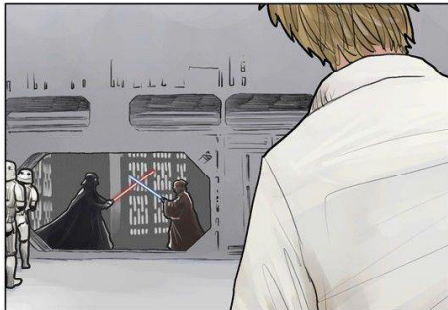
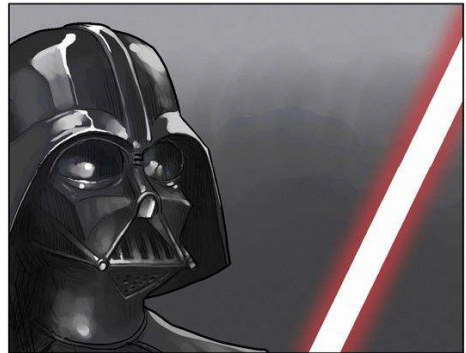


C-3PO! COME STRAIGHT TO THE FALCON!



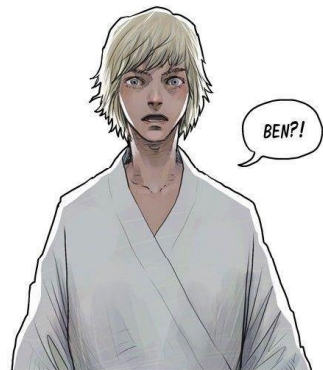


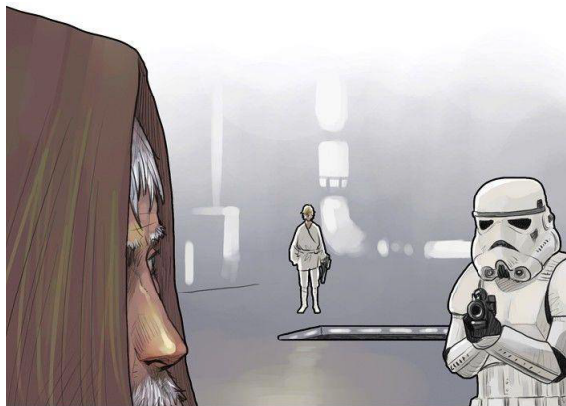
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YOU CAN'T WIN,
DARTH VADER.



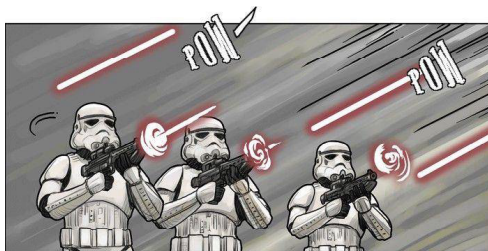
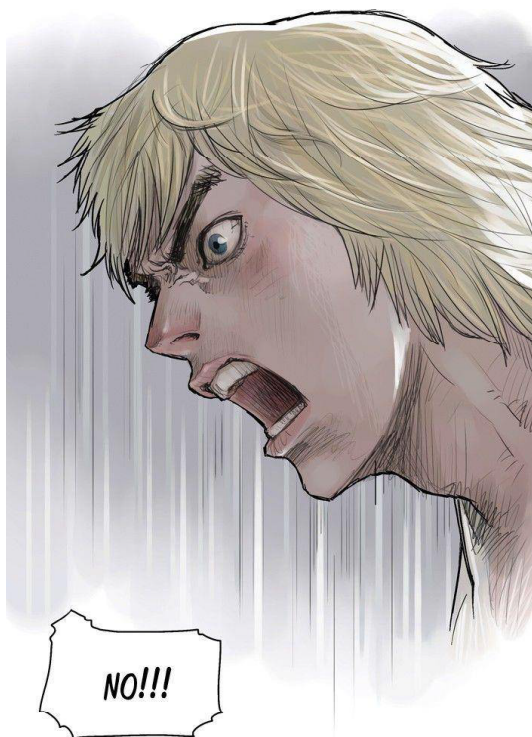
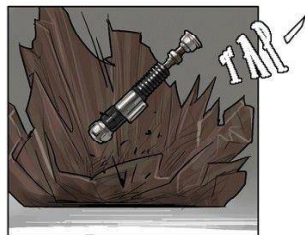
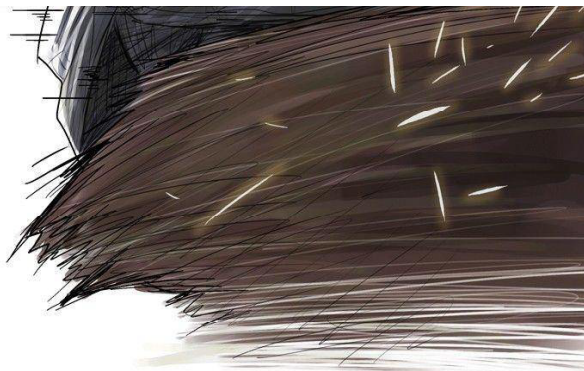
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NOW OBI-WAN

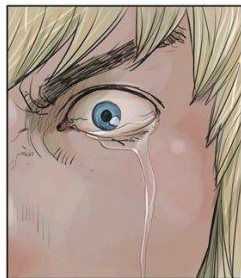
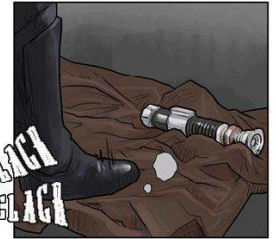
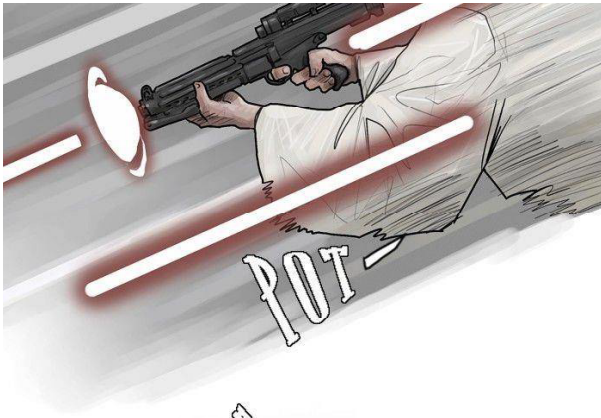
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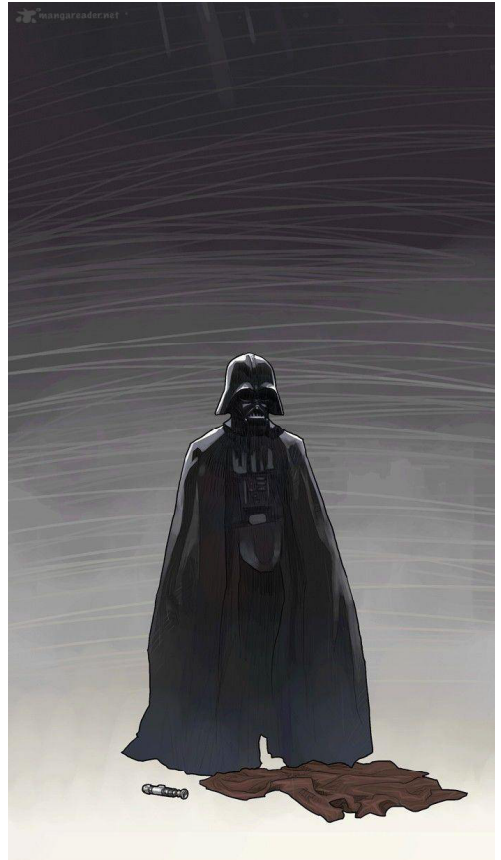
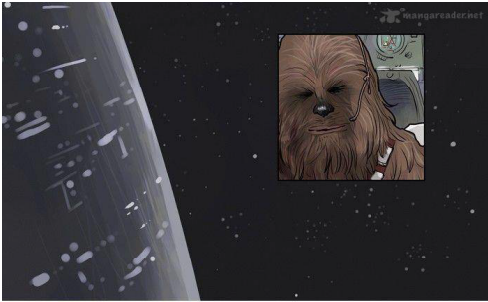
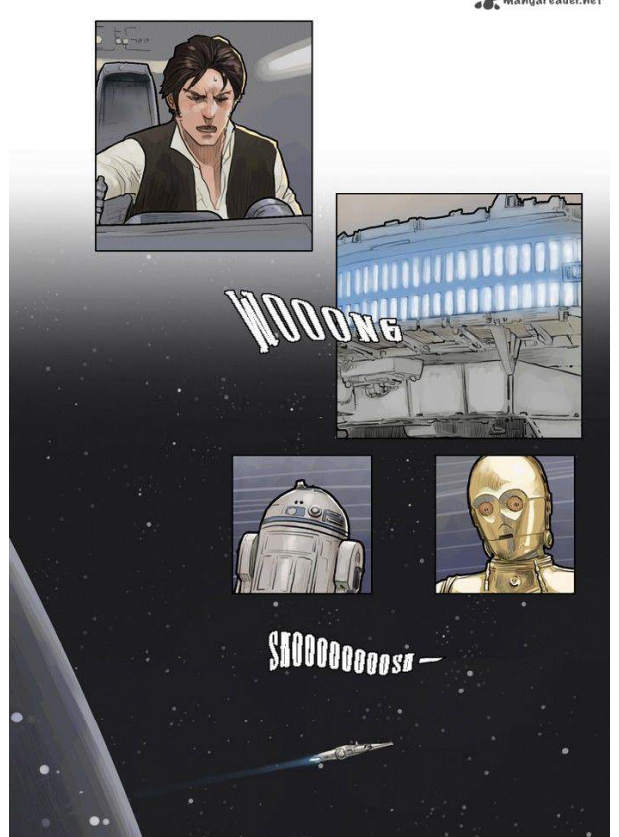
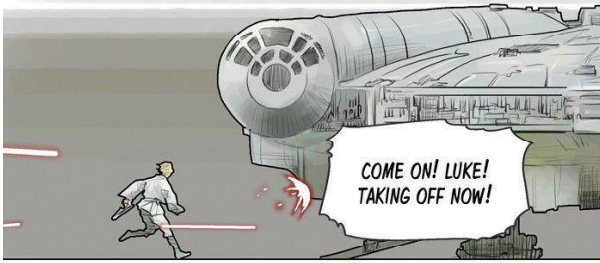
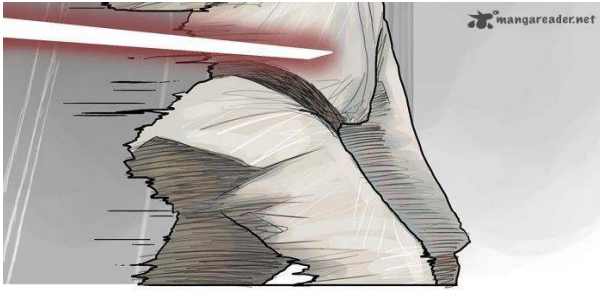


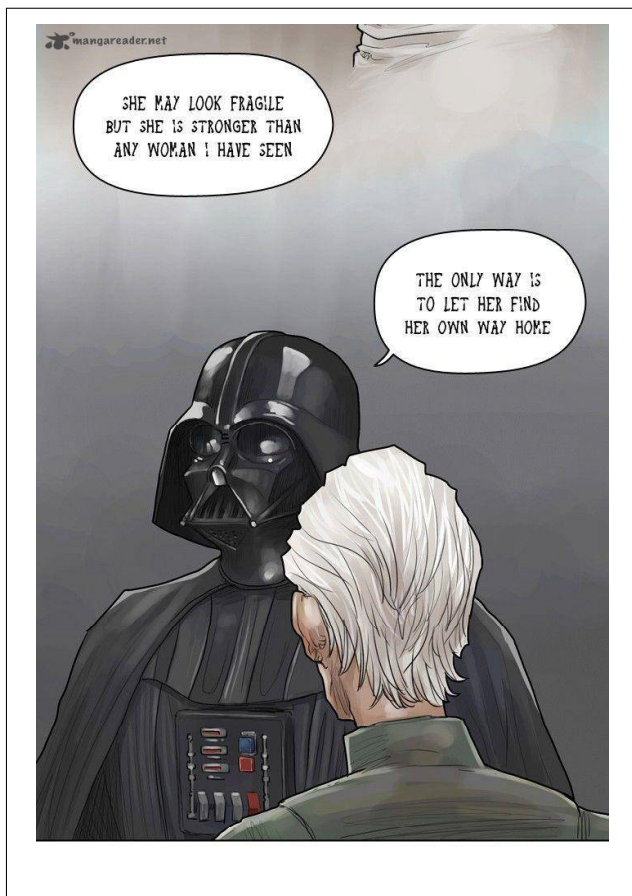
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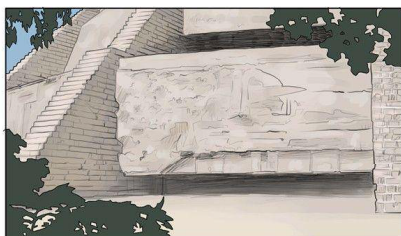
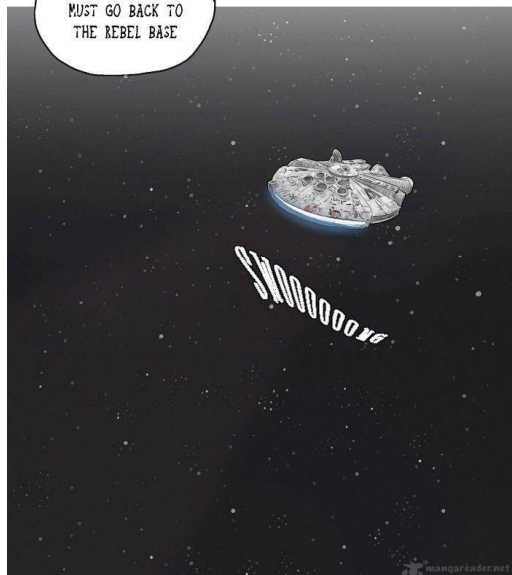


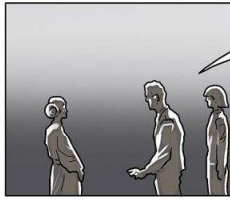


NOW THAT
ALDERAAN IS GONE



PRINCESS LEIA
MUST GO BACK TO
THE REBEL BASE

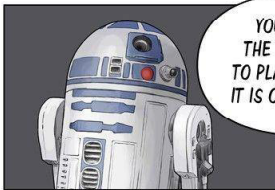




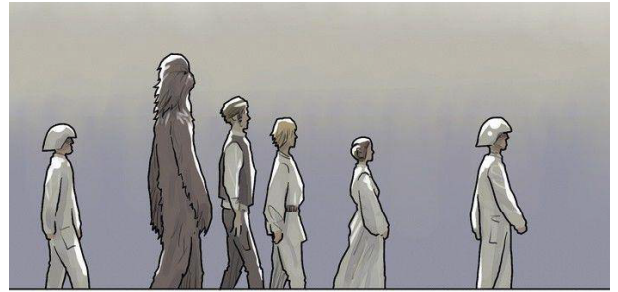
WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT ALDERAAN, WE WERE AFRAID THAT YOU WERE...

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR OUR SORROWS, COMMANDER.

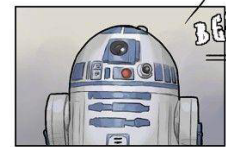
THE DEATH STAR BLUEPRINTS ARE IN THIS R2-D2 UNIT.



YOU MUST USE THE INFORMATION TO PLAN THE ATTACK. IT IS OUR ONLY HOPE.



DEATH STAR? WHAT EXACTLY COULD IT BE THAT IS GETTING THE EMPIRE ALL FUSSED UP TO CATCH ARTOO?

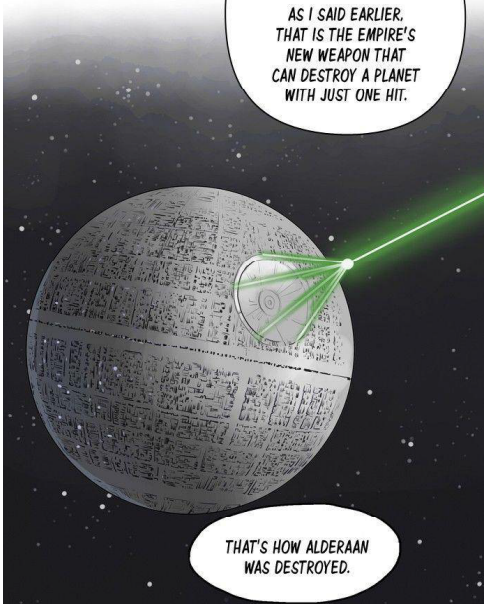


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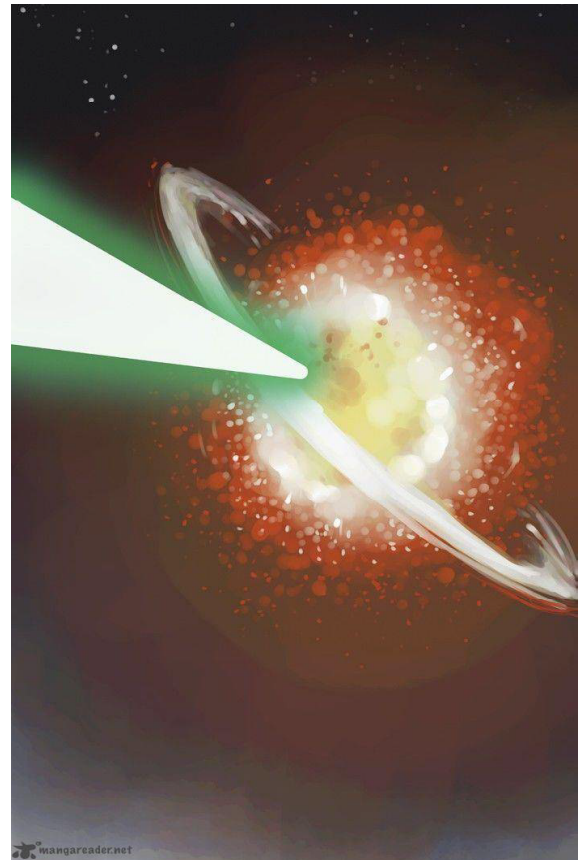


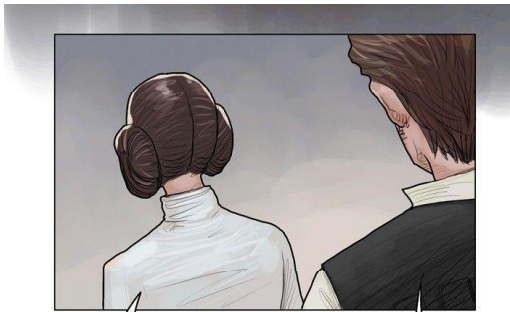
THE SPACE STATION THAT WE WERE JUST ON A FEW HOURS AGO.

AS I SAID EARLIER, THAT IS THE EMPIRE'S NEW WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY A PLANET WITH JUST ONE HIT.



THAT'S HOW ALDERAAN WAS DESTROYED.





THERE IS
A LONG WAY AHEAD US.
BE PREPARED TO
FIGHT WITH
THE EMPIRE.

HUH? WAIT. BE
PREPARED?

I THINK
YOUR HIGHNESS IS
A LITTLE CONFUSED...

I HAVE NO INTEREST
IN YOU OR
THE REBELLION.
IT'S NONE OF
MY BUSINESS.



I ONLY DID IT
BECAUSE LUKE TALKED
ME INTO TRYING TO
GET SOME REWARD.



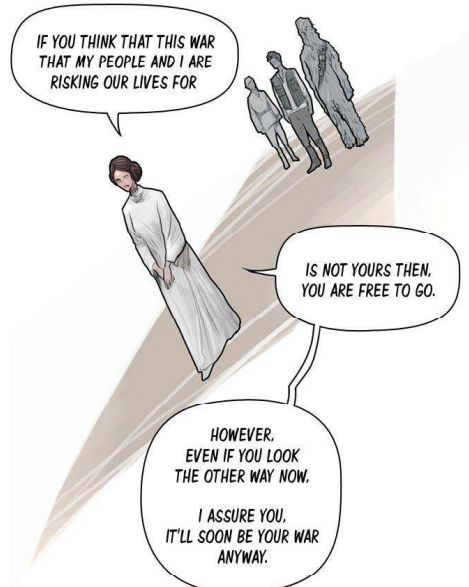
AND AS
I SAID BEFORE,
I DON'T TAKE
ORDERS.



FINE.
I'LL BE SURE
YOU GET YOUR
REWARD.



BUT IT'S NOT
FOR RESCUING ME,
IT'S FOR BRINGING
R2-D2 HERE SAFELY.



IF YOU THINK THAT THIS WAR
THAT MY PEOPLE AND I ARE
RISKING OUR LIVES FOR

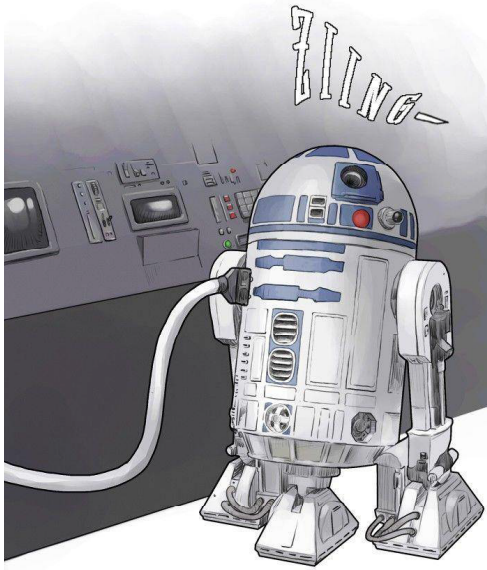
IS NOT YOURS THEN,
YOU ARE FREE TO GO.

HOWEVER,
EVEN IF YOU LOOK
THE OTHER WAY NOW.

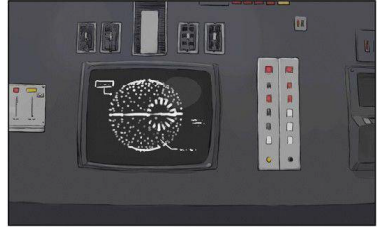
I ASSURE YOU,
IT'LL SOON BE YOUR WAR
ANYWAY.



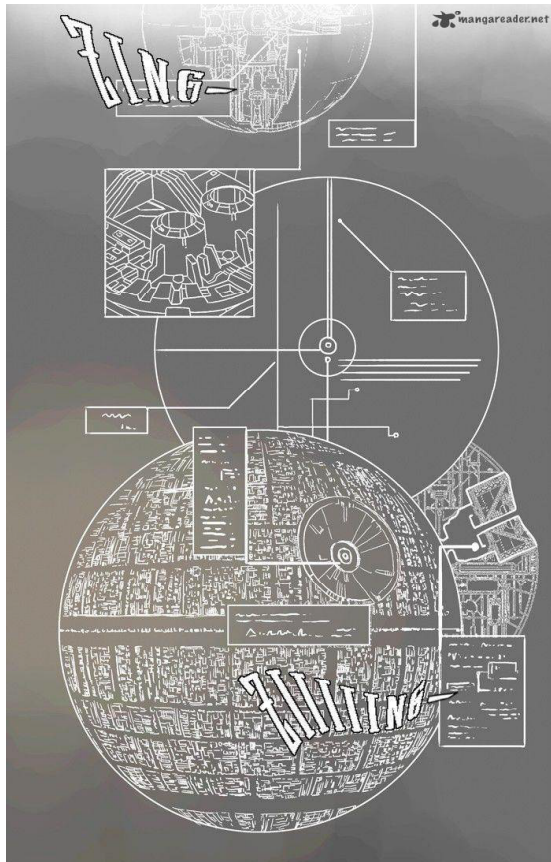
HMMP...



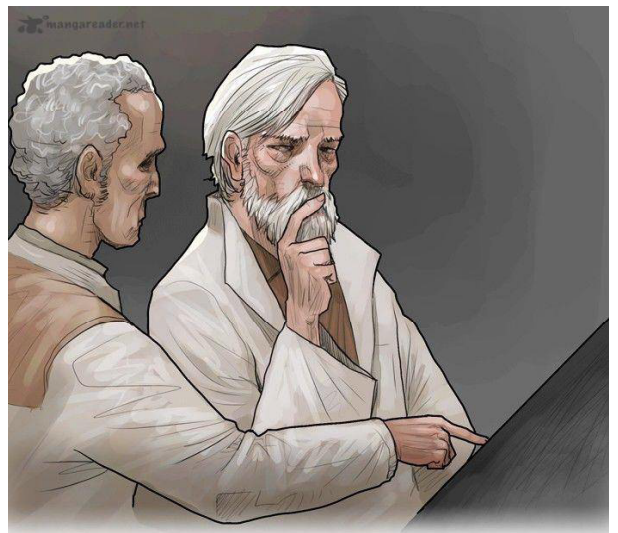
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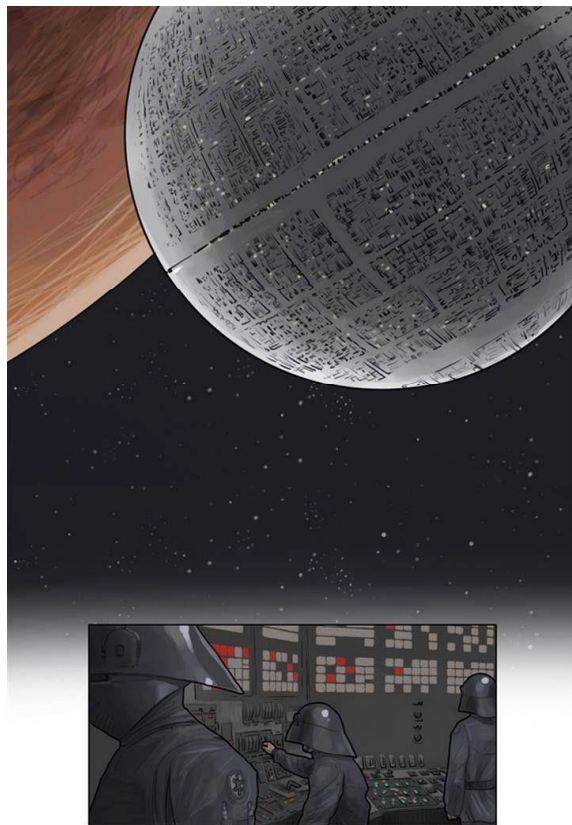


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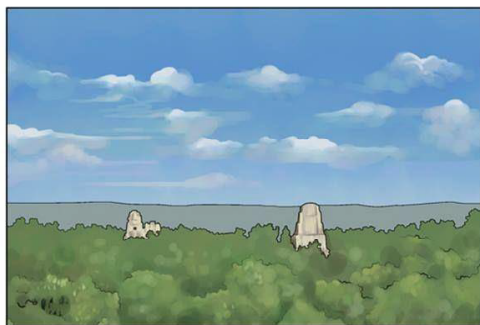
THE BEACON SIGNAL
STOPPED AT THE SATELLITE
THAT REVOLVES AROUND
YAVIN 4.



KEEP MOVING
AT FULL SPEED.



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THE DEATH STAR IS HEAVILY SHIELDED AND CARRIES A FIREPOWER GREATER THAN HALF THE FLEET. ITS DEFENSES ARE DESIGNED AROUND A DIRECT LARGE-SCALE ASSAULT.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DESTROY IT WITH THE FIREPOWER WE HAVE.

BUT AN ANALYSIS OF THE PLANS PROVIDED BY PRINCESS LEIA HAS DEMONSTRATED A WEAKNESS IN THE BATTLE STATION.



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THE ONLY WAY IS TO USE A SMALL ONE-MAN FIGHTER WHICH SHOULD BE ABLE TO PENETRATE THE OUTER DEFENSES.

BUZZ BUZZ

MUMBLE MUMBLE



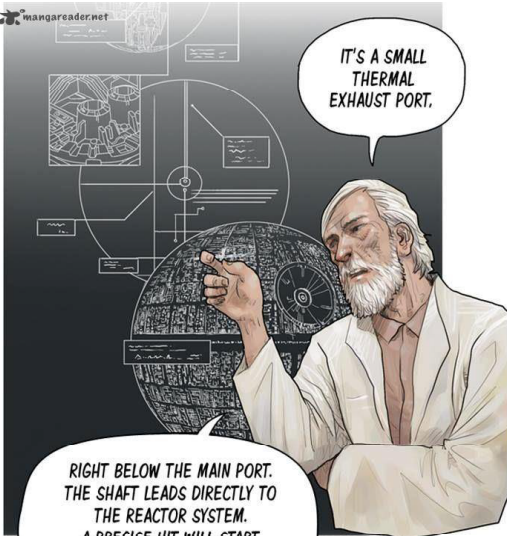
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO MANEUVER STRAIGHT DOWN THIS TRENCH AND SKIM THE SURFACE TO THIS POINT.



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IT'S A SMALL THERMAL EXHAUST PORT.

RIGHT BELOW THE MAIN PORT. THE SHAFT LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE REACTOR SYSTEM. A PRECISE HIT WILL START A CHAIN REACTION WHICH SHOULD DESTROY THE STATION.



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HOW BIG IS THE TARGET AREA?

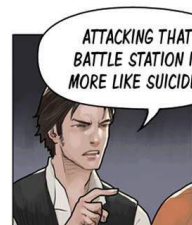
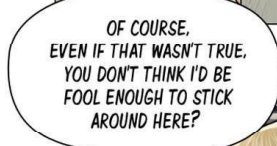
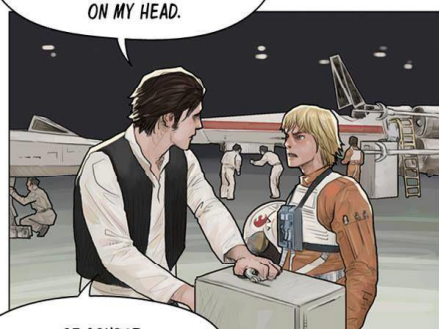
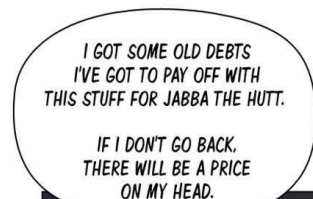
ONLY TWO METERS WIDE.



I KNOW THE APPROACH WILL NOT BE EASY.

HOWEVER, ONCE THE DEATH STAR IS COMPLETE, EVEN THIS APPROACH WOULD BE USELESS.







I COULD USE YOU.

I DON'T USUALLY SAY THIS,
BUT YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD IN
A FIGHT AND YOU HAVE GUTS.

WHY DON'T
YOU TAKE A LOOK
AROUND?



THEY COULD USE
A GOOD PILOT LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE TURNING YOUR
BACK ON THEM.

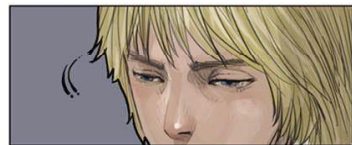
YOU KNOW WHAT'S
ABOUT TO HAPPEN, WHAT
THEY'RE UP AGAINST.

THE EMPIRE
WON'T STOP AT
JUST SUPPRESSING
THE REBELLION.

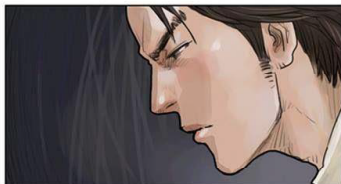


STOP PREACHING
TO ME.

IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO GO,
I CAN JUST GO
BY MYSELF.



ALL RIGHT.
I GUESS THAT'S WHAT
YOU'RE BEST AT, ISN'T IT?
WELL, TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF, HAN.

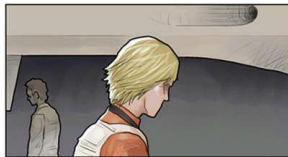
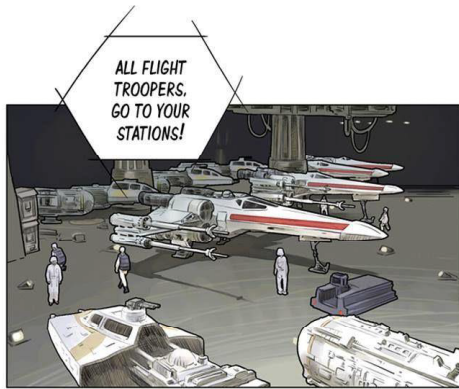


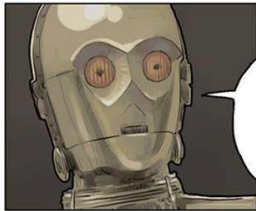
HEY LUKE!



MAY THE FORCE
BE WITH YOU.



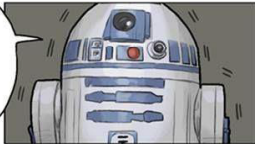




YOU WOULDN'T WANT MY LIFE TO GET BORING, WOULD YOU?



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IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE OLD TIMES, LUKE. WE'RE A COUPLE OF SHOOTING STARS THAT'LL NEVER BE STOPPED!

I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER, BUT I STILL HAVE A HOPE.

PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN ME... PEOPLE WITH THE SAME HOPE.



ALL RIGHT. I WILL TELL YOU MY STORIES WHEN WE GET BACK.

CLAP

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING. EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE HOPE

HEY, THIS R2 UNIT OF YOURS SEEMS A BIT BEAT UP. DO YOU WANT A NEW ONE?

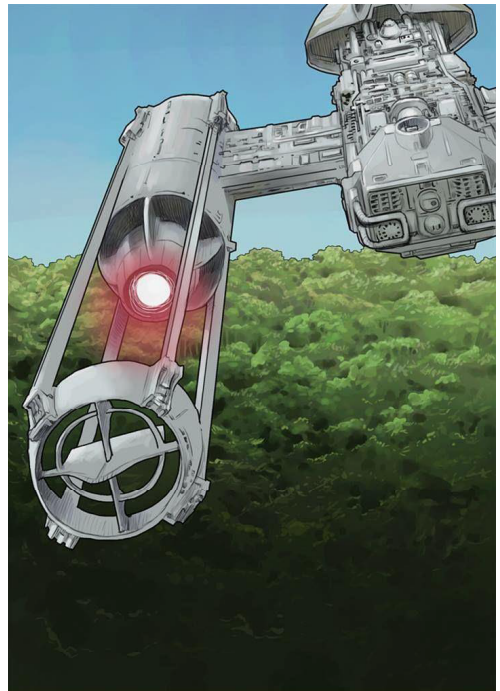
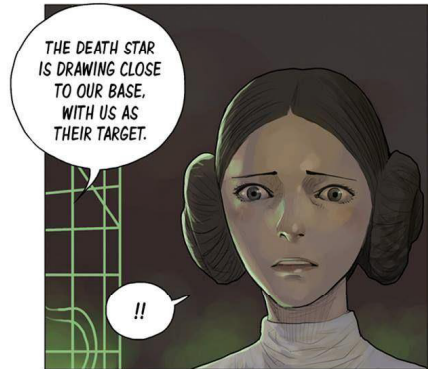


NO.



THAT LITTLE DROID AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER.





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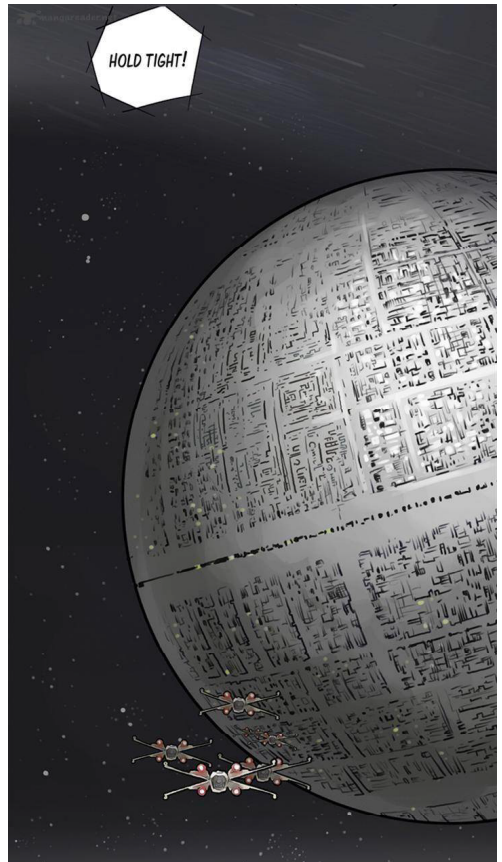


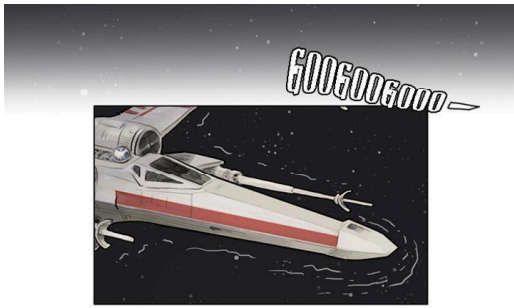
ALL WINGS
REPORT IN.
LOCK S-FOILS IN
ATTACK
POSITION.



WE'RE PASSING THROUGH
THE MAGNETIC FIELD
OF THE DEATH STAR.

HOLD TIGHT!





GOO GOO

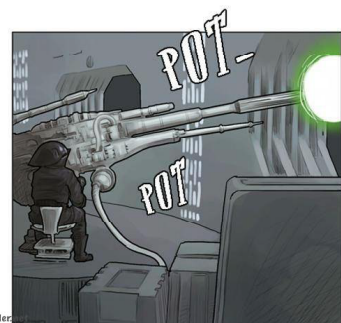
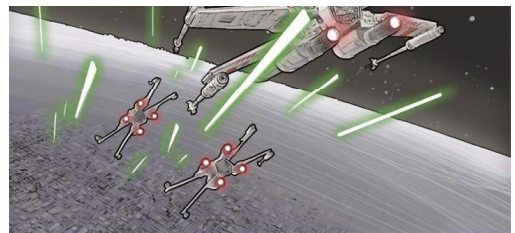
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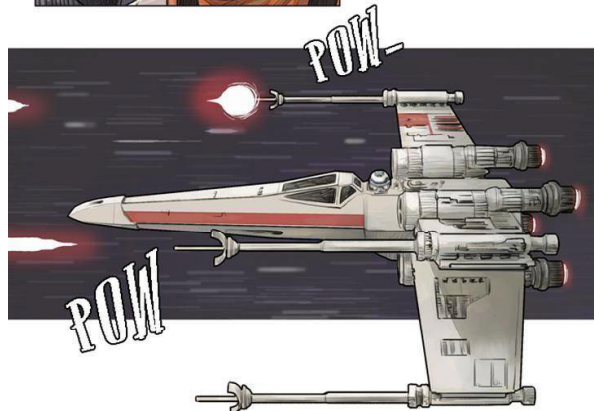
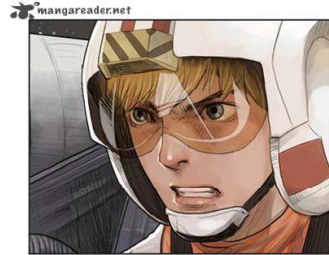
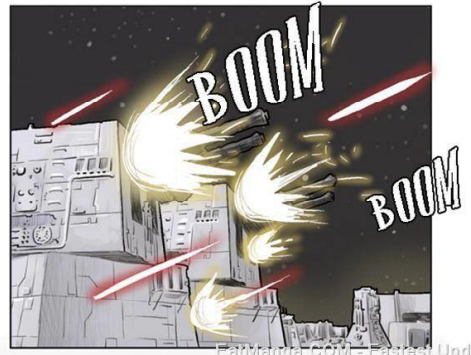
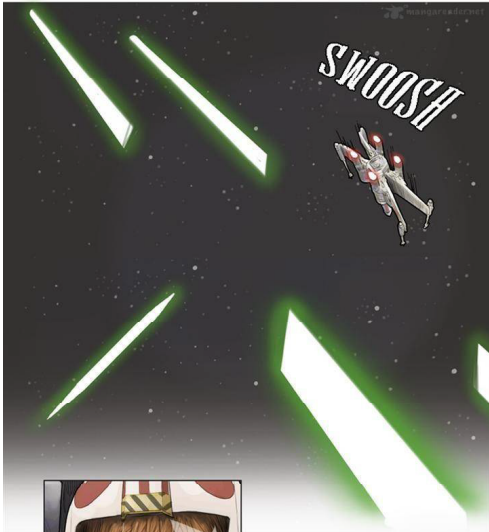
RED TEAM IN POSITION.
CUT ACROSS
THE AXIS AND TRY
AND DRAW THEIR FIRE!

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LORD VADER.

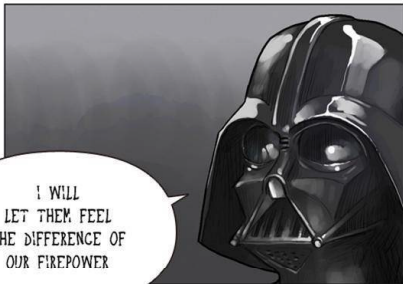


SO HOW MANY REBELS
ARE DARING TO ATTACK
THE DEATH STAR?



WE COUNT ONLY
THIRTY REBEL SHIPS,
LORD VADER. BUT...

THEY'RE TOO SMALL
AND TOO FAST TO GET BY
OUR DEATH STAR SYSTEM.



I WILL
LET THEM FEEL
THE DIFFERENCE OF
OUR FIREPOWER

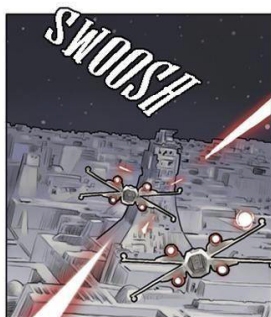


GET THE
CREWS TO
THEIR FIGHTERS

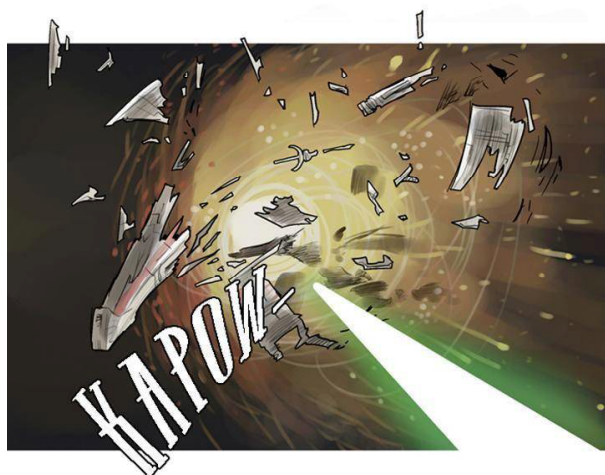
I WILL TAKE
THEM MYSELF



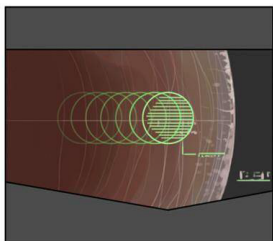
YES, SIR



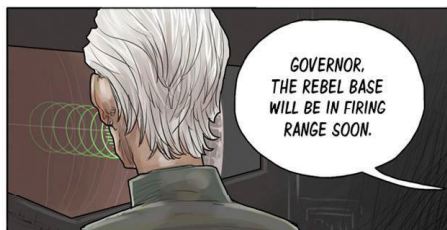
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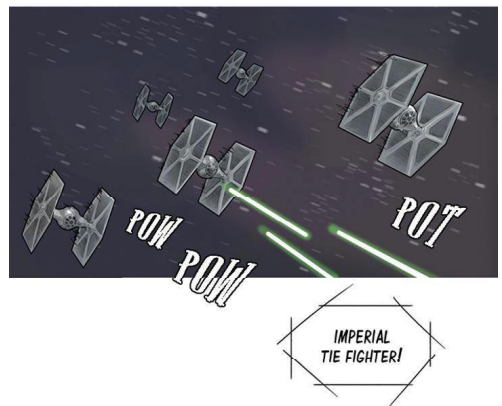
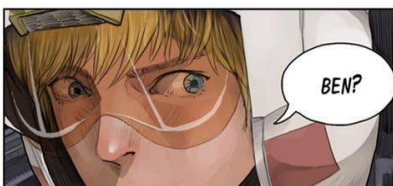
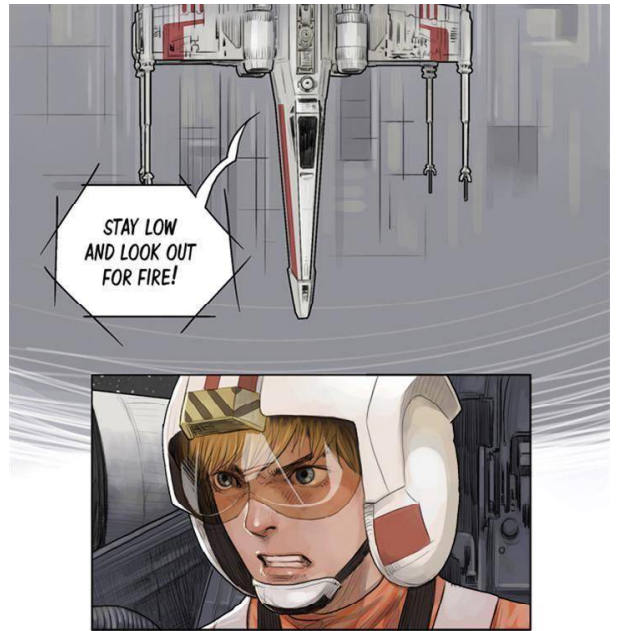
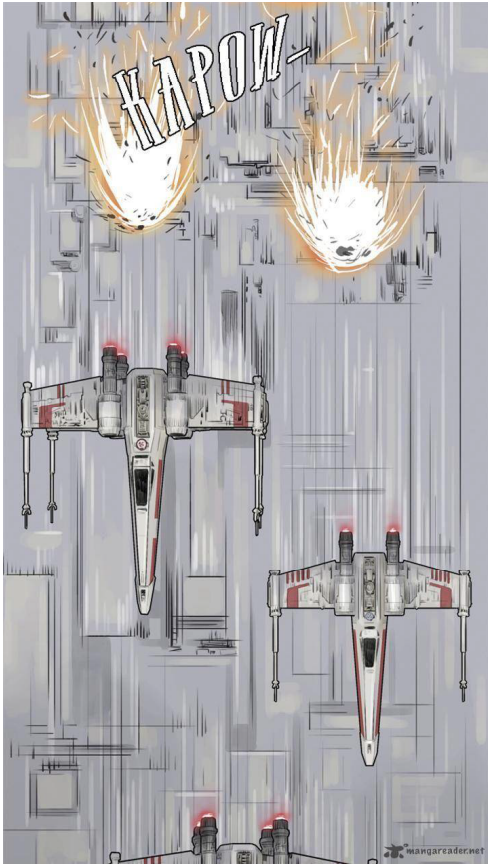


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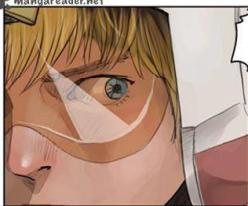
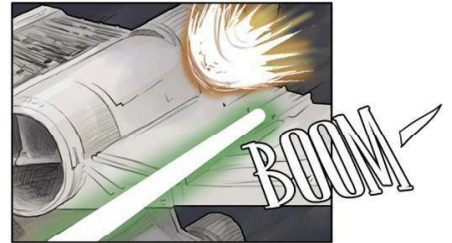
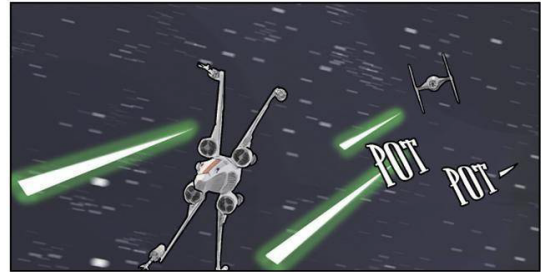
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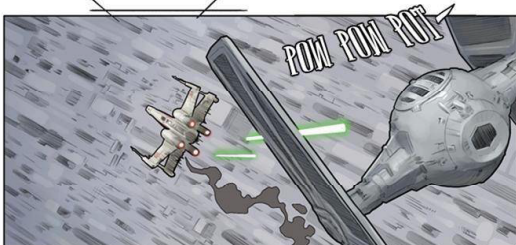
LISTEN, RED GROUP.
SPREAD UP AND DISPERSE
THE ENEMY'S ATTACK!



LUKE, ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

MY ENGINE IS HIT.

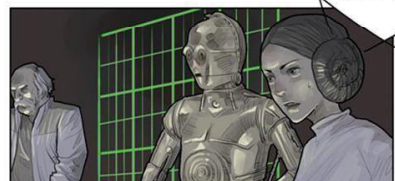
FIGHTERS ABOVE YOU,
COMING IN!
WATCH YOUR BACK,
LUKE!

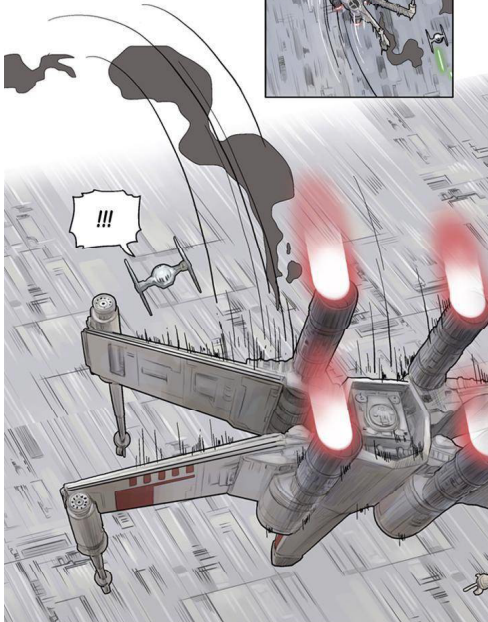
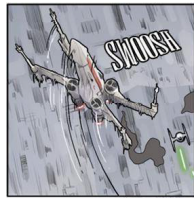


RED 2
RED 5!

THERE'S A HEAVY
FIRE ZONE ON
THIS SIDE.

I CAN'T
SHAKE HIM!

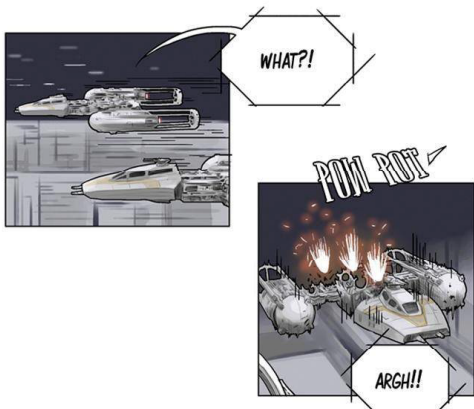




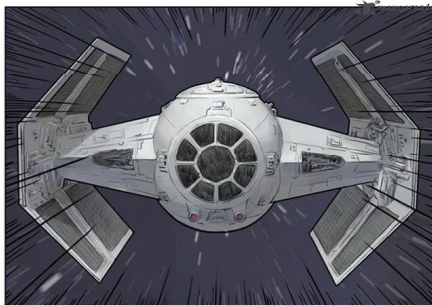
THIS IS
GOLD LEADER.



WE'RE STARTING
OUR ATTACK RUN TO THE
CORE OF DEATH STAR.



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GOLD GROUP!

GOLD GROUP?

DO YOU COPY,
GOLD GROUP.



PRINCESS,

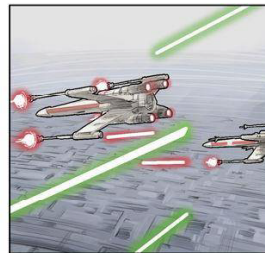
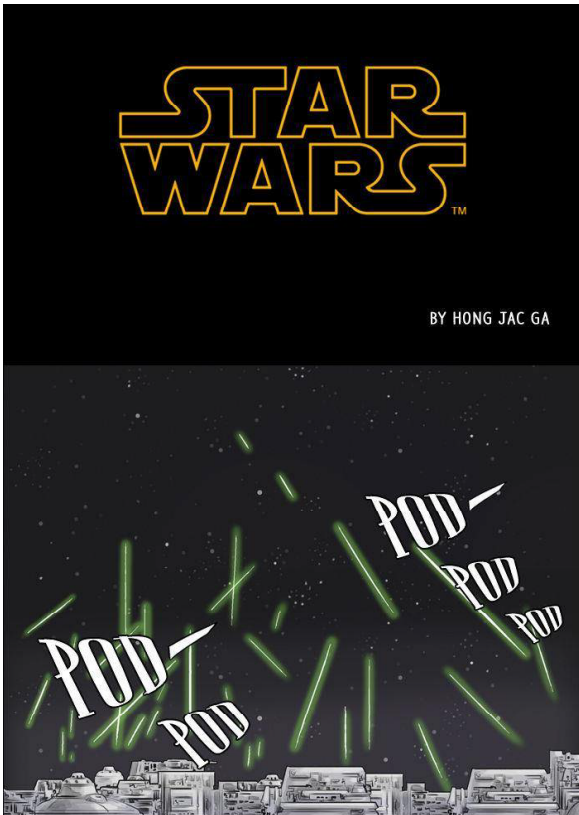
WE JUST LOST OUR
GOLD GROUP.



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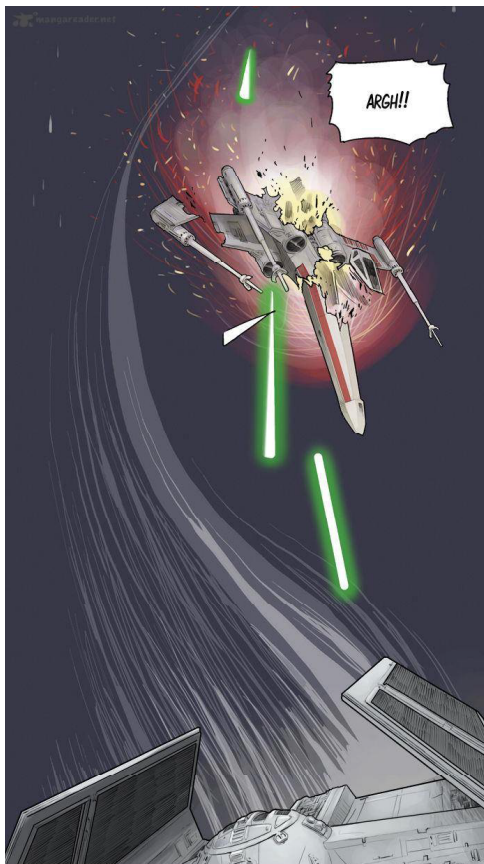
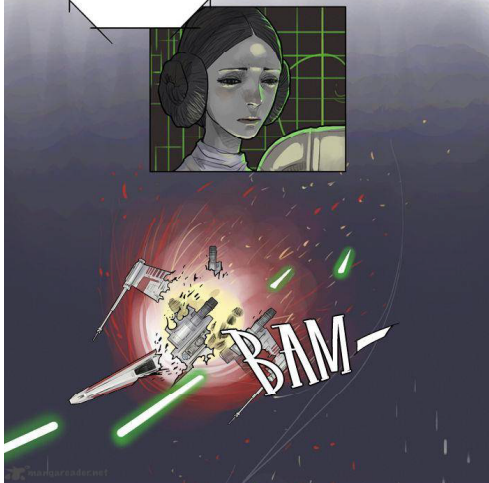
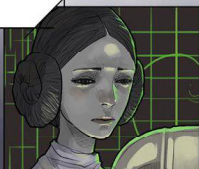
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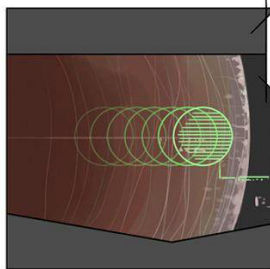
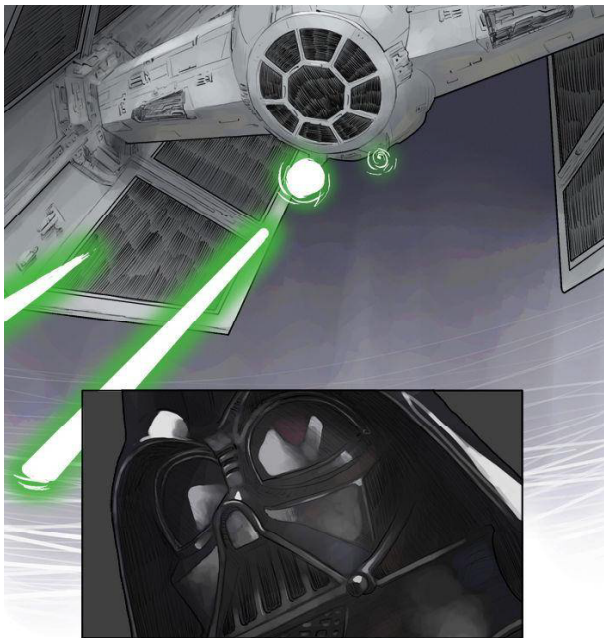


THERE'S TOO MUCH
INTERFERENCE!
THERE'S A HEAVY
FIRE ZONE ON THIS
SIDE.

RENDEZVOUS
AT MARK 61.



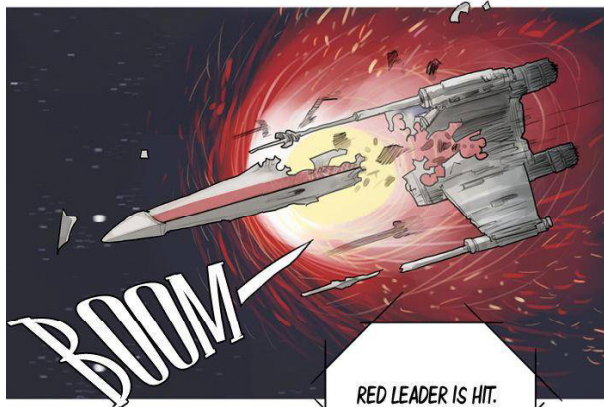
ARGH!!



REBEL BASE,
5 MINUTES AND
CLOSING.

THIS WILL BE A DAY
LONG REMEMBERED.



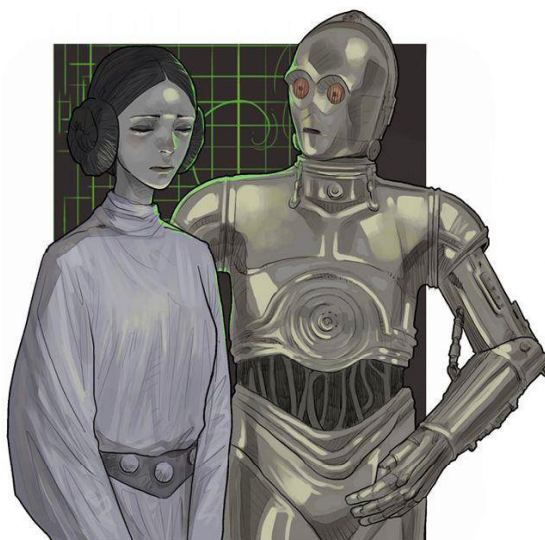


RED LEADER IS HIT.

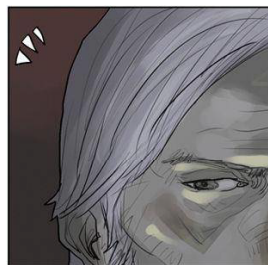


BASE ONE, WE NEED
MORE FIREPOWER!
REBEL BASE,
DO YOU COPY!

HARD TO
TARGET THE
EXHAUST
PORT!

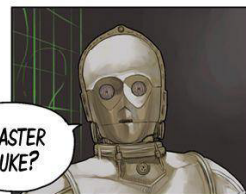


I AM GOING IN.

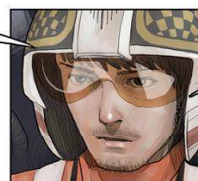


RED TEAM, BIGGS, WEDGE,
LET'S CLOSE IT UP.
COVER FOR ME.
WE'RE GOING IN FULL
THROTTLE.

MASTER
LUKE?



LUKE,
IT'S TOO RISKY.

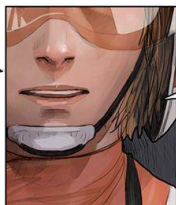


AT THAT SPEED
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO
PULL OUT IN TIME?



IT'S ALL RIGHT,
BIGGS.

REMEMBER?
IT'LL BE JUST LIKE
THE OLD DAYS IN
TATOOINE.
BEGGAR'S CANYON
BACK HOME.



WE USED TO
RACE AND
I ALWAYS GOT FIRST
PLACE WITH MY
T-16 SKYHOPPER.
IT WILL BE JUST
LIKE THE
OLD DAYS.

IT'S NOW OR NEVER.

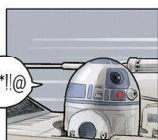


COVER FOR ME.



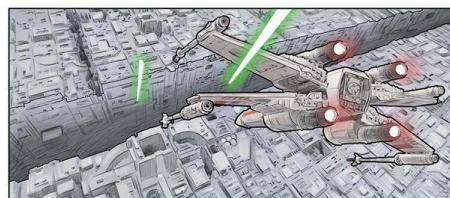
ARE YOU READY,
ARTOO?

^&!@



ALL RIGHT,
LET'S GO.

SWOOSH



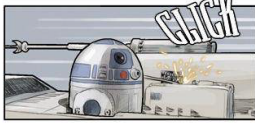
SWOONG



WE'LL STAY BACK
FAR ENOUGH TO
COVER YOU.



ARTOO, THAT
STABILIZER'S BROKEN
LOOSE AGAIN!
SEE IF YOU CAN'T
LOCK IT DOWN!



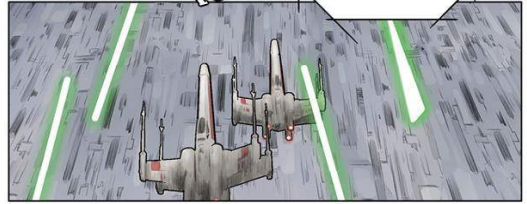
WE'RE GOING IN
FULL THROTTLE.



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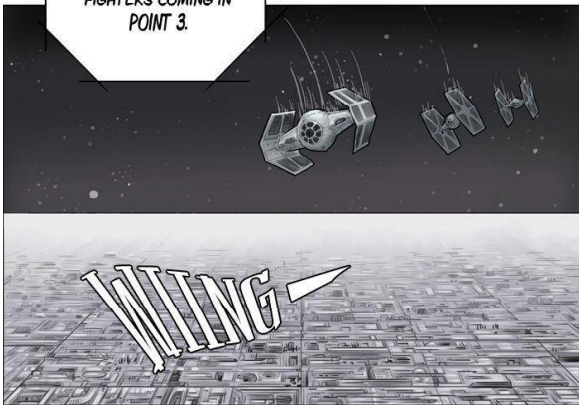
POT POT

WATCH OUT!
INCREASE SPEED
FULL THROTTLE!

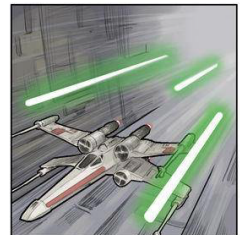
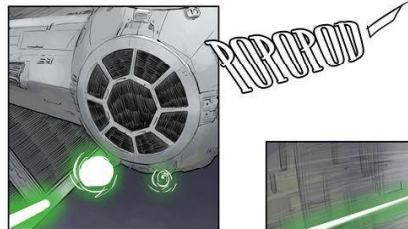


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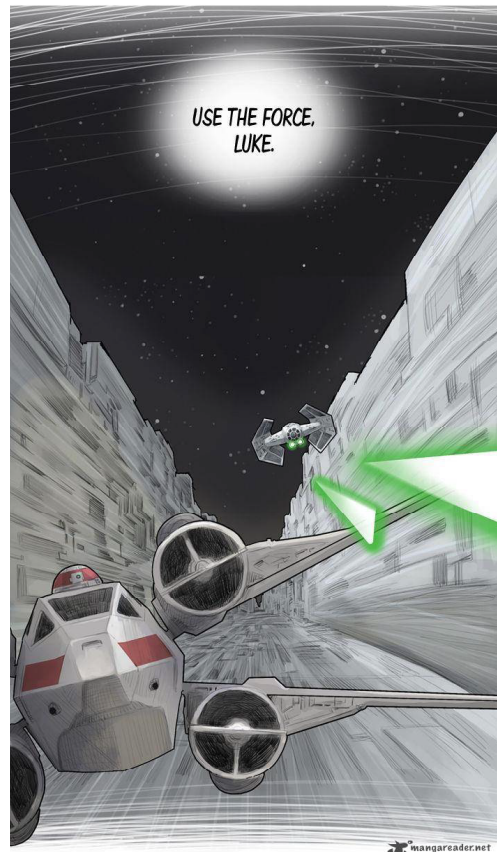
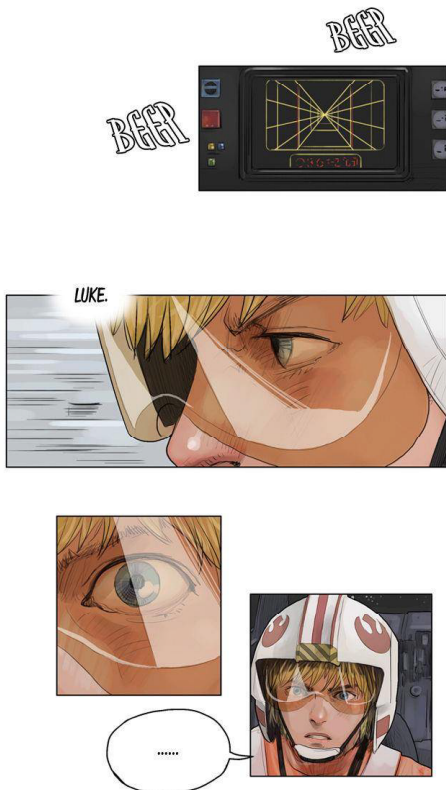
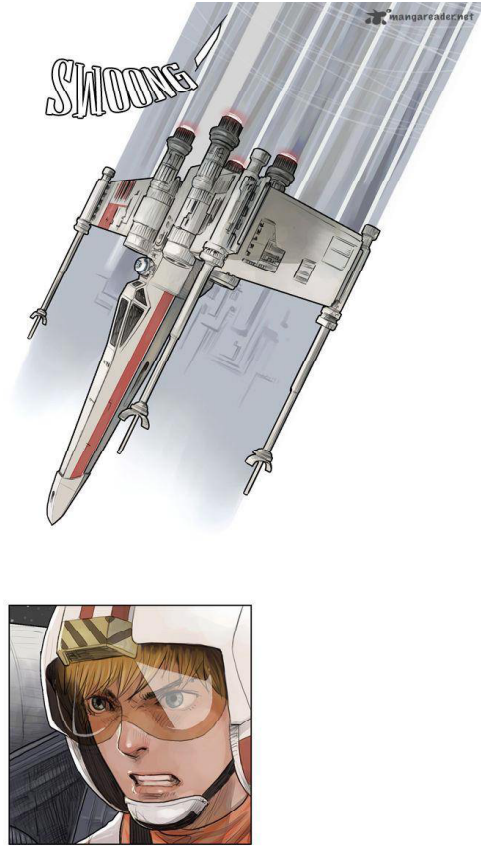
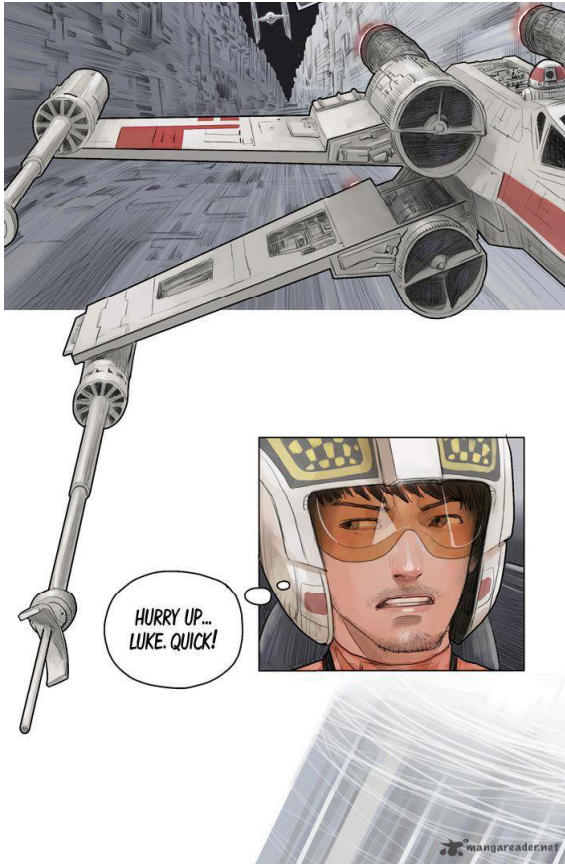
FIGHTERS COMING IN
POINT 3.

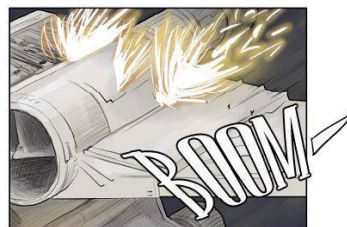
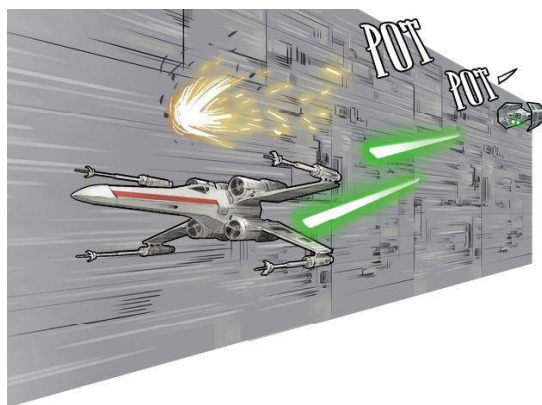


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RED 2, I'M HIT!



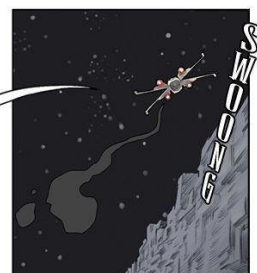
I CAN'T STAY
WITH YOU.

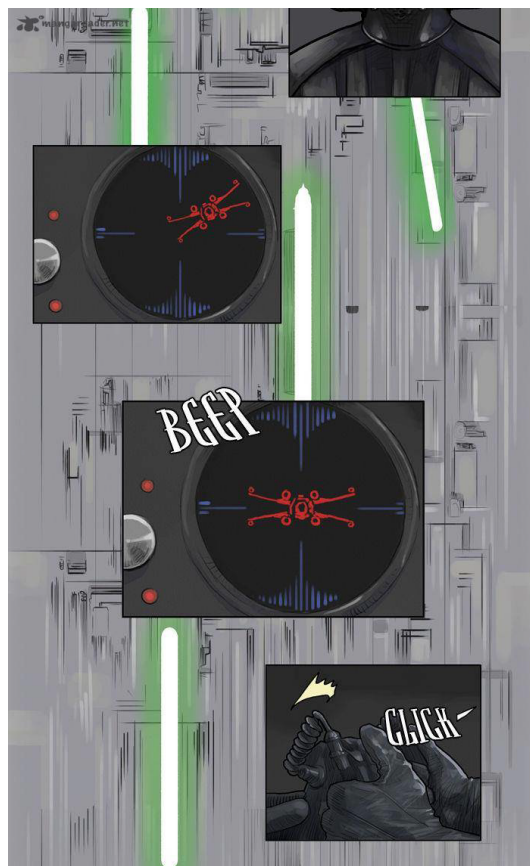
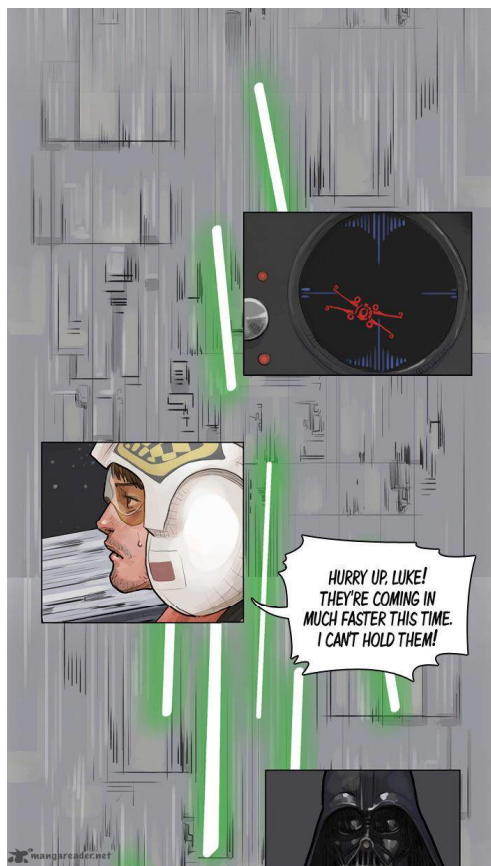
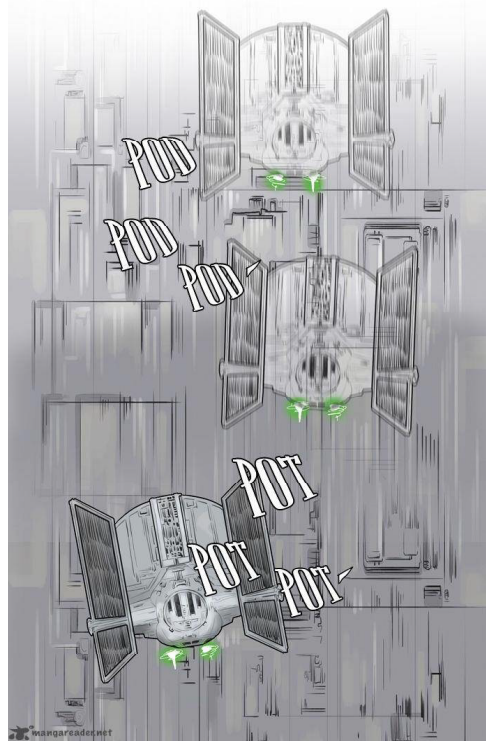
RED 2!
GET CLEAR, WEDGE.

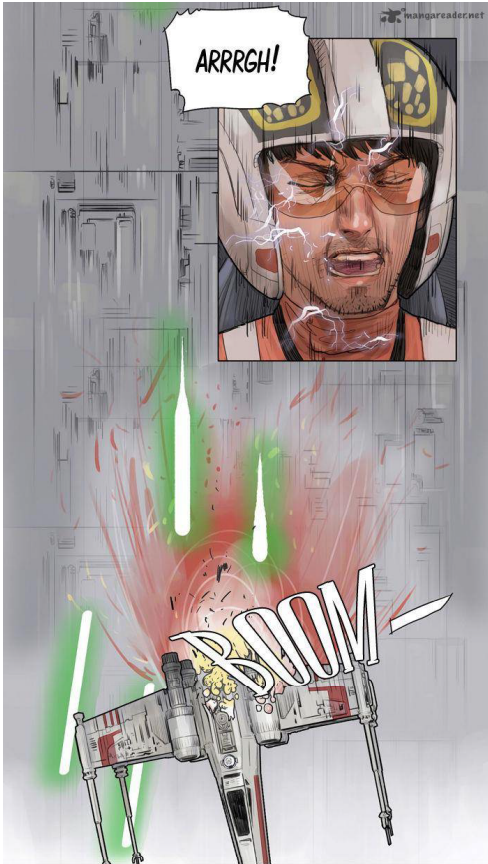


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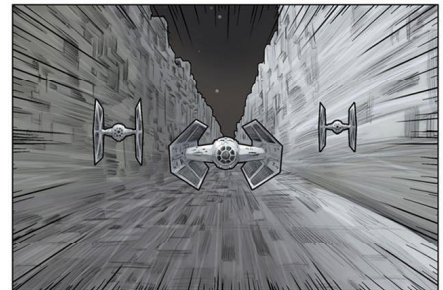
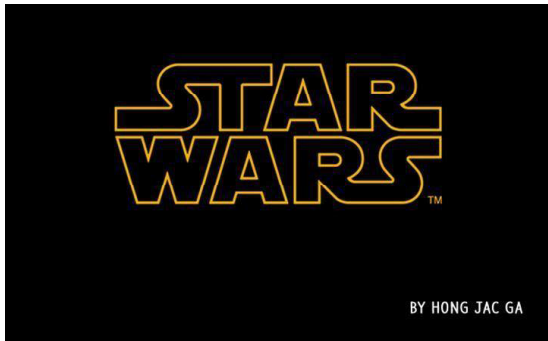
GOOD LUCK.



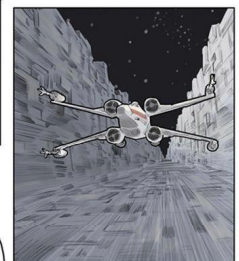




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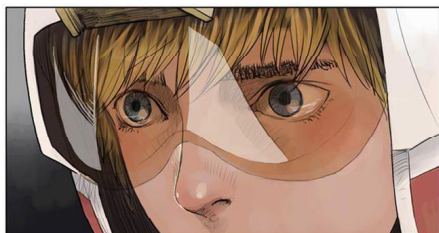
I AM ON THE LEADER
JUST ONE LEFT



I CAN SEE HOW
BRAVE YOU ARE



I AM ALONE.



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BUT NOT AFRAID.

IT'S MY CHOICE AND
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT IT
WOULD BE EASY.

BEN.

TELL ME.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

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YOU'RE VERY
SPECIAL.

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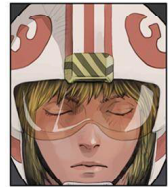
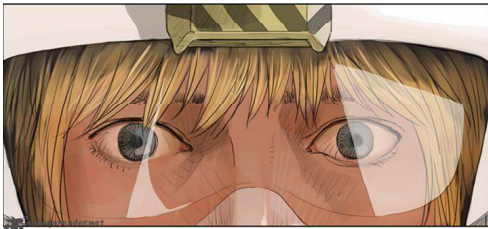
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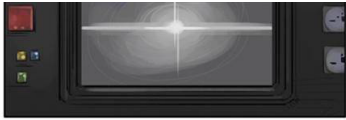
SOON ENOUGH,
YOU'LL REALIZE THAT THE
DESTINY OF THE WHOLE GALAXY IS
RESTING ON YOUR SHOULDERS.



WHY ME?

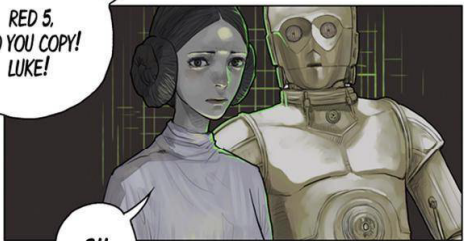
TELL ME... BEN.



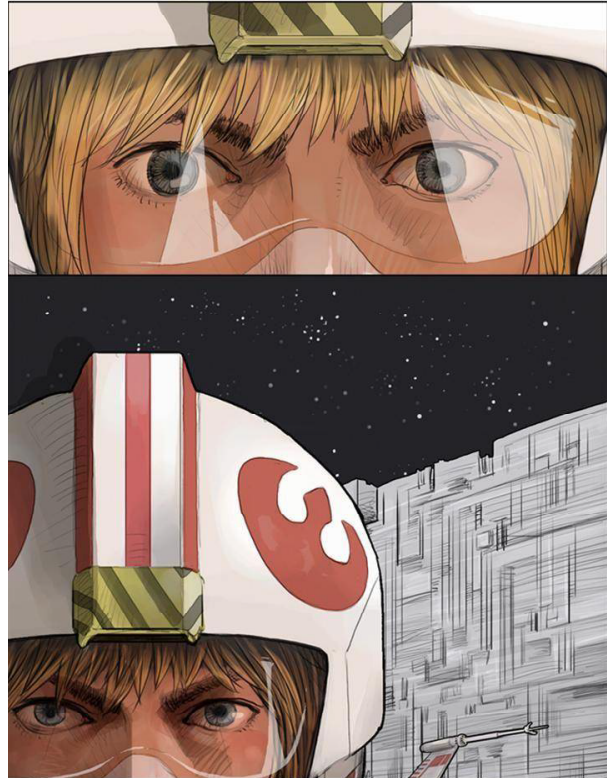


HIS COMPUTER'S OFF.
LUKE, YOU SWITCHED OFF
YOUR TARGETING
COMPUTER.

RED 5,
DO YOU COPY!
LUKE!

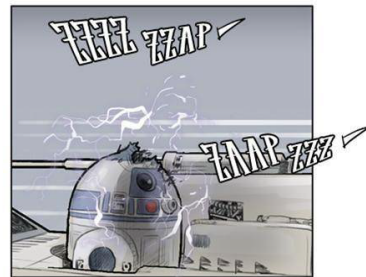
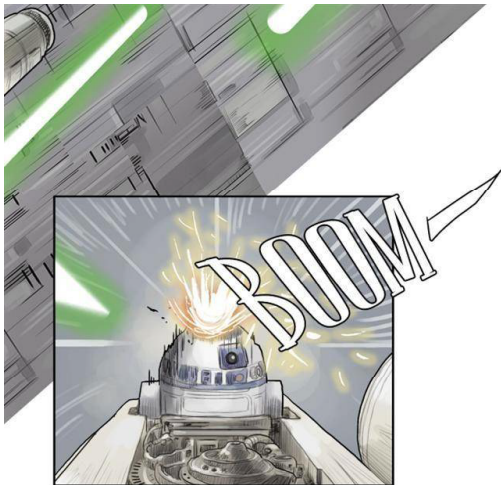
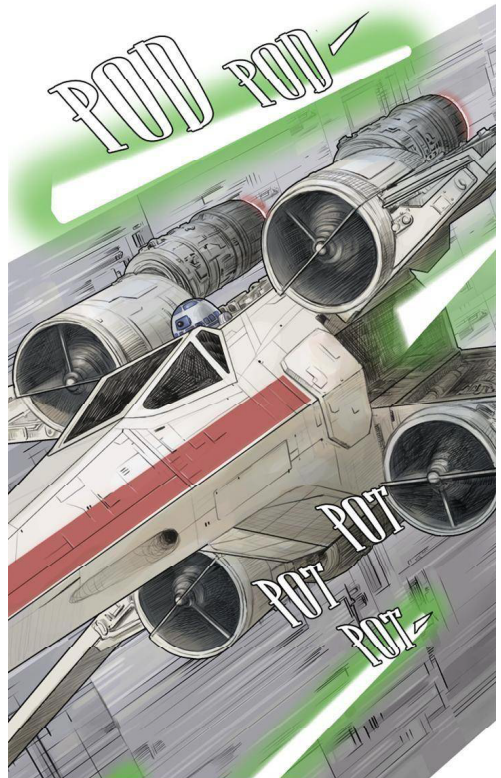
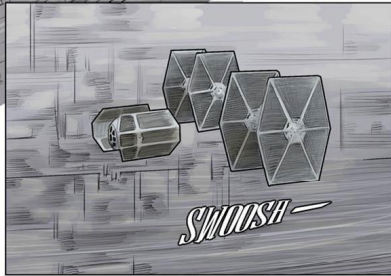
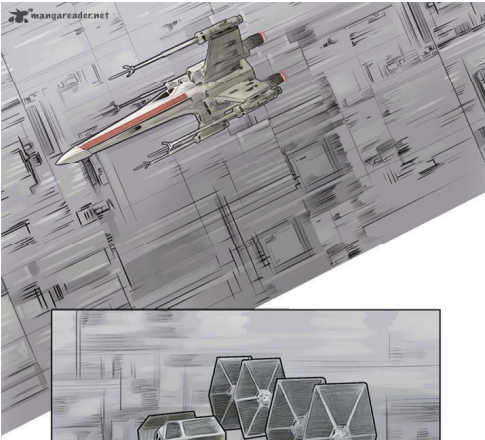


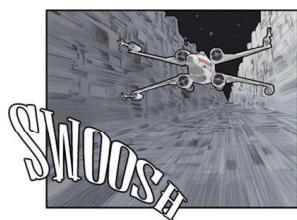
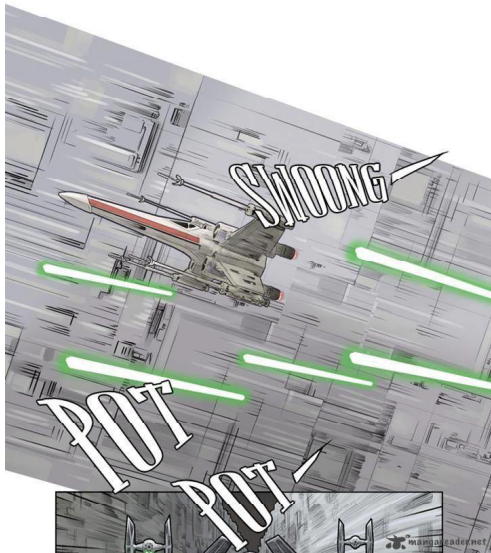
?!!



THE FORCE IS
STRONG WITH THIS
ONE

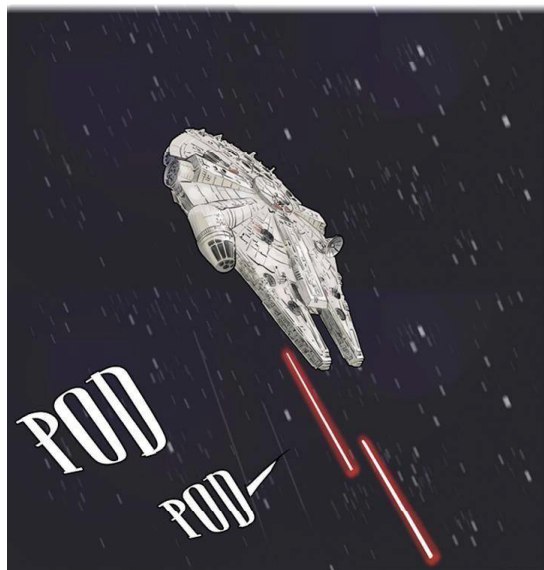






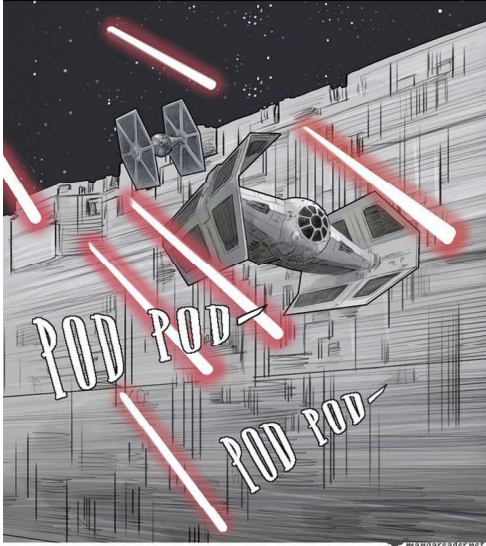


YOU'RE ALL CLEAR, KID.
NOW LET'S BLOW THIS THING
AND GO HOME!

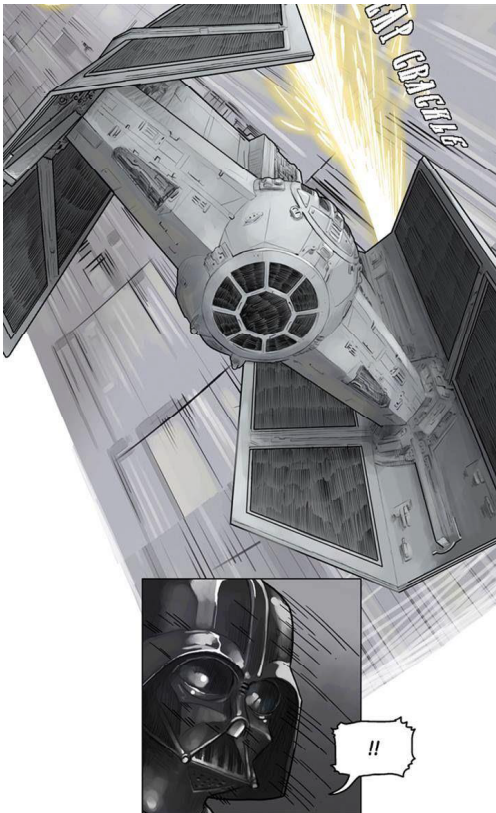
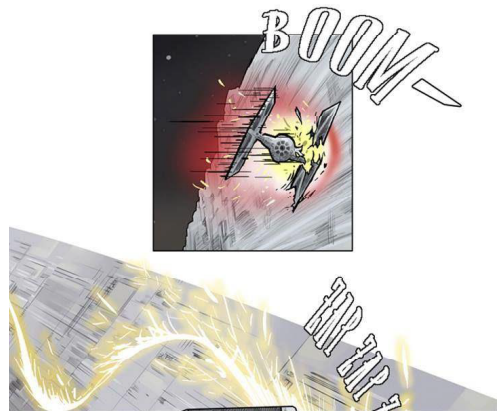
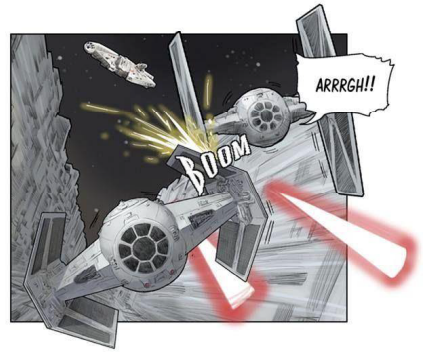


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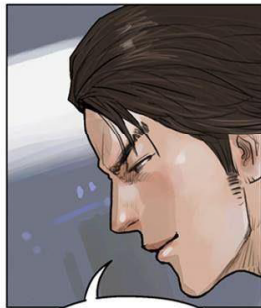


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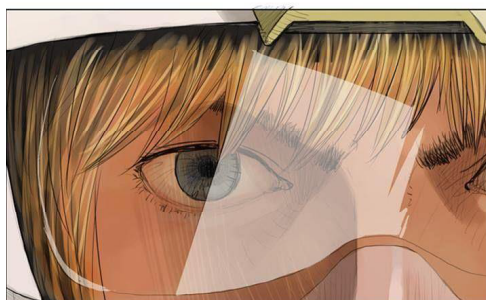
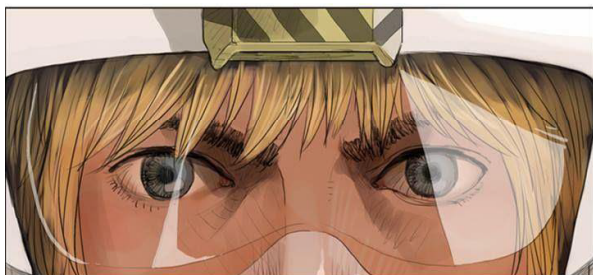
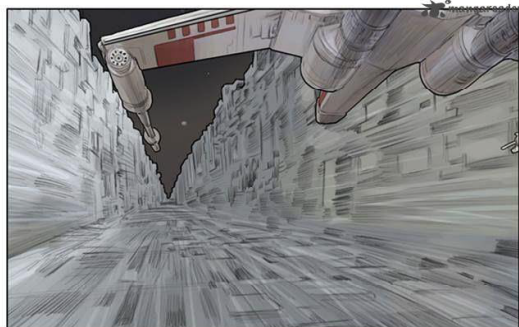
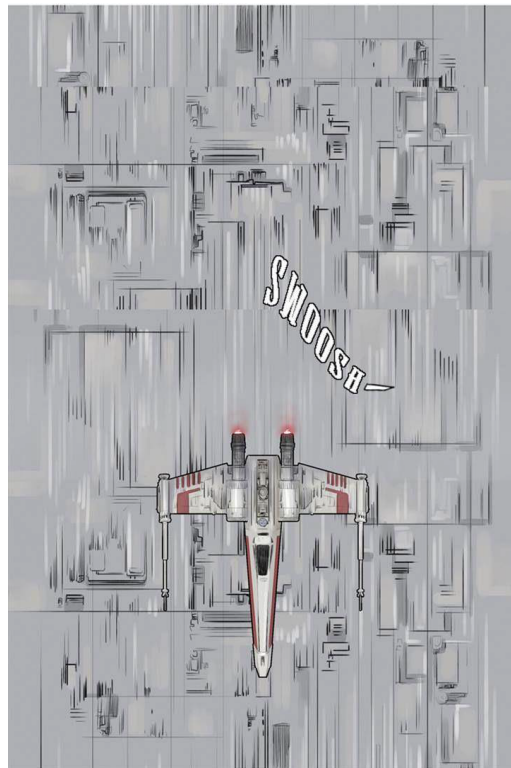
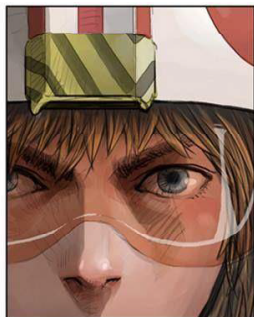


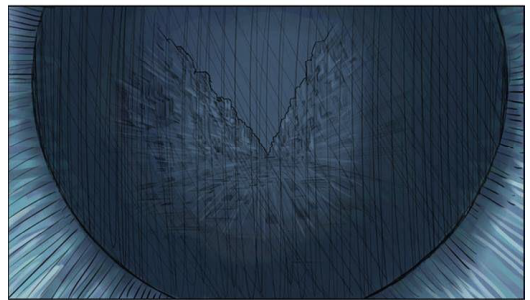
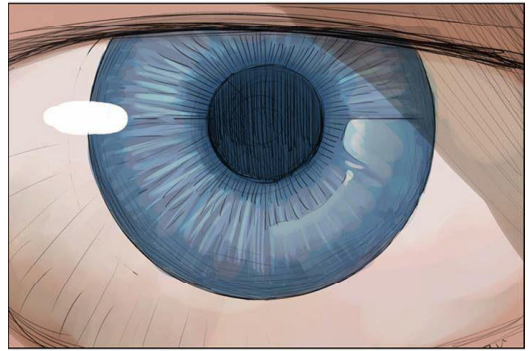
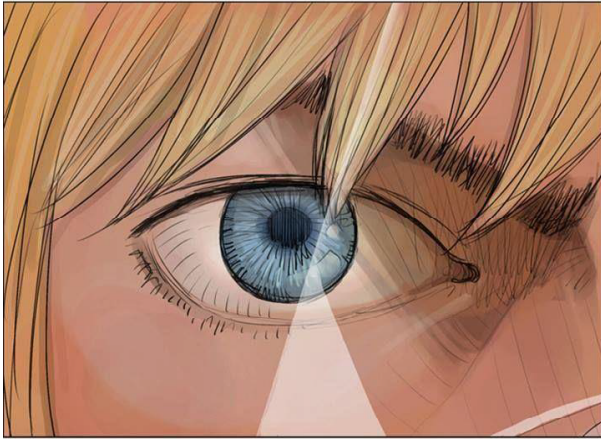
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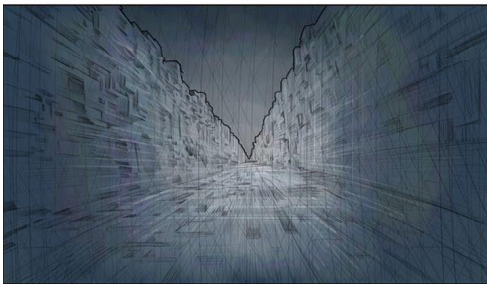


NOW'S THE TIME!
HURRY AND
LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE.

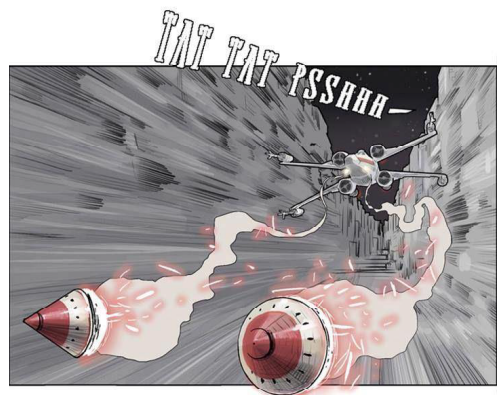
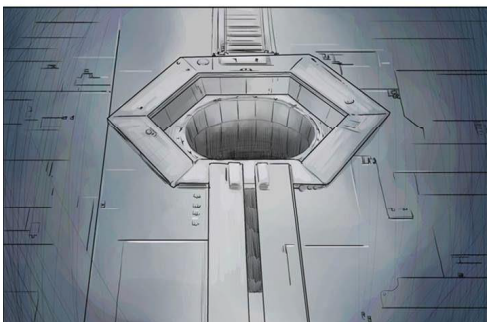


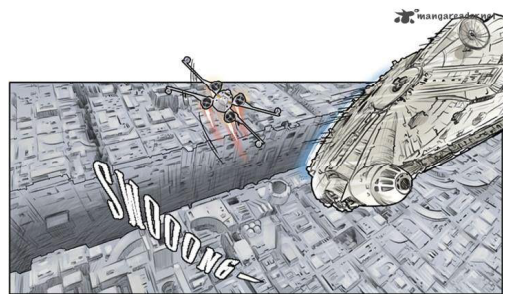
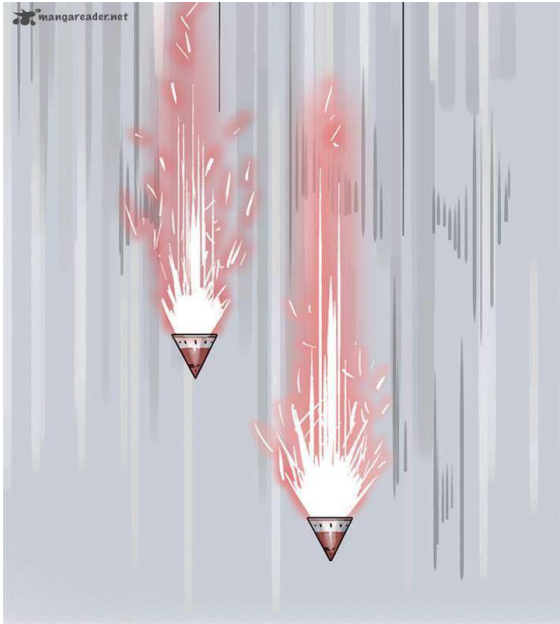
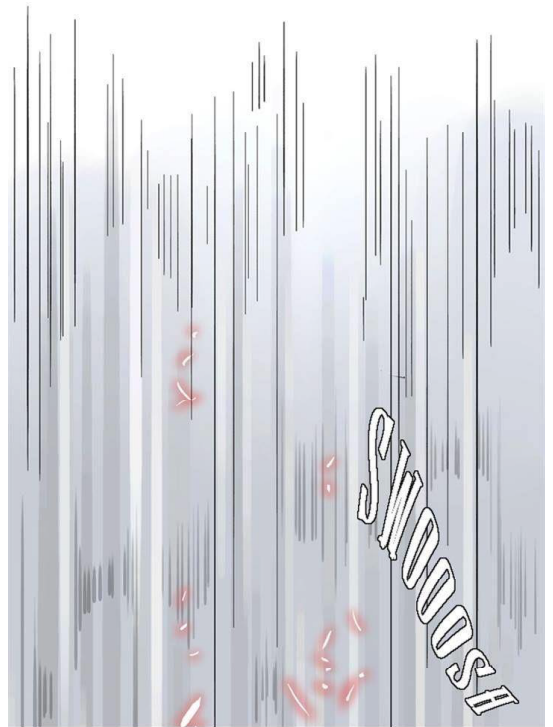


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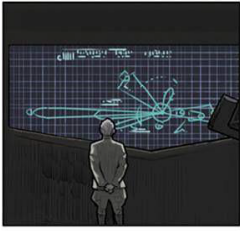


NO, I CAN FEEL IT.





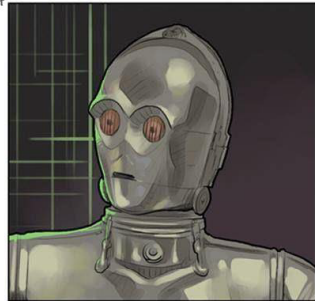
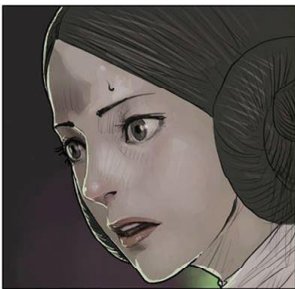
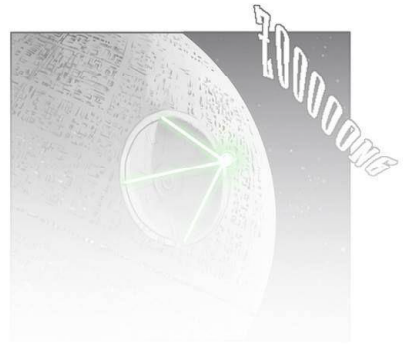
STAND BY
TO FIRE AT
THE REBEL BASE.

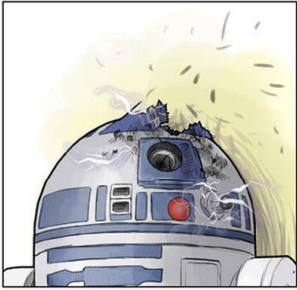


FIRE!



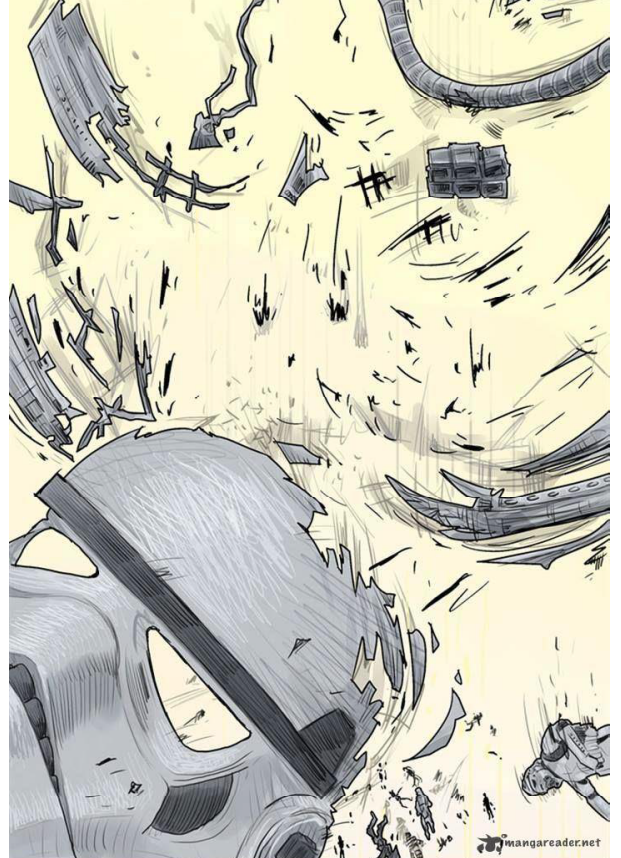
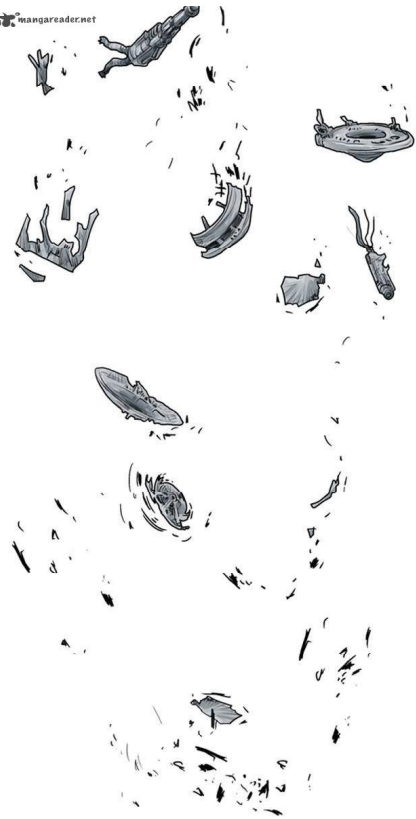
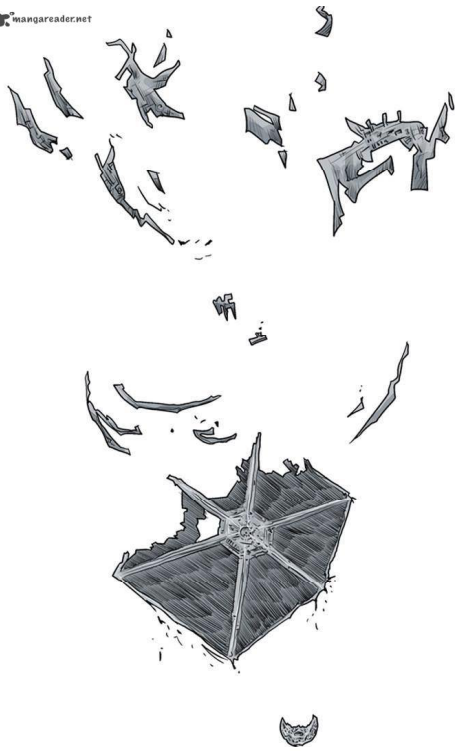
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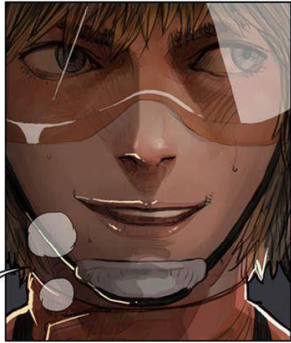


FROM THIS DAY,
PEOPLE WILL CALL TODAY'S BATTLE
'THE BATTLE OF YAVIN' OR
'THE MIRACLE OF YAVIN.'



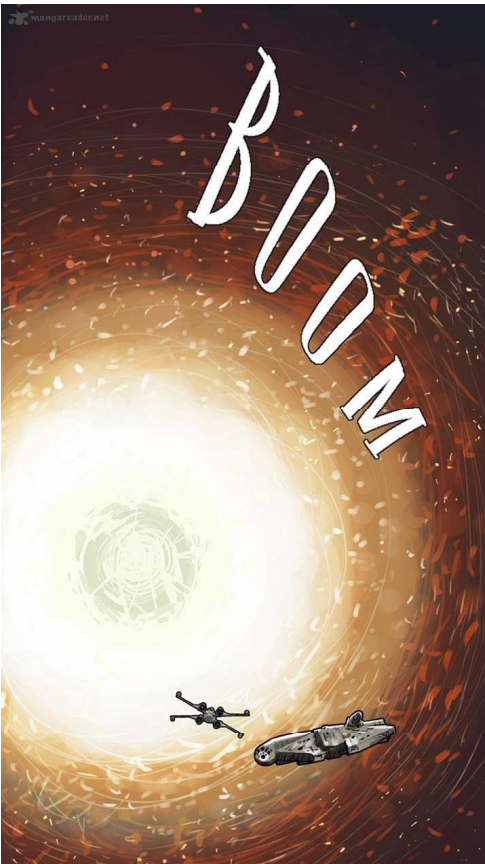
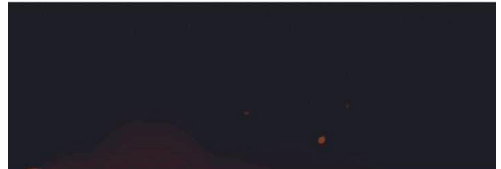






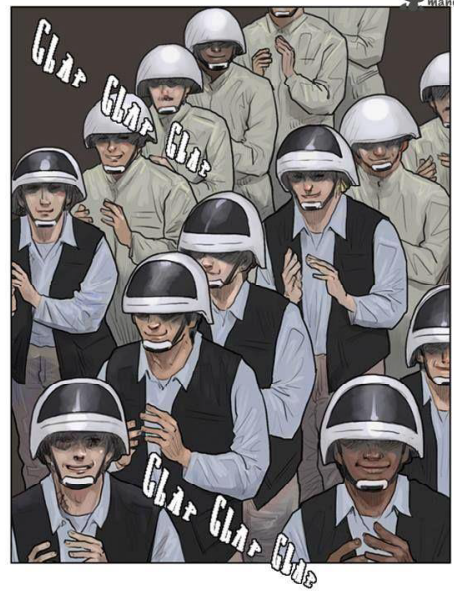
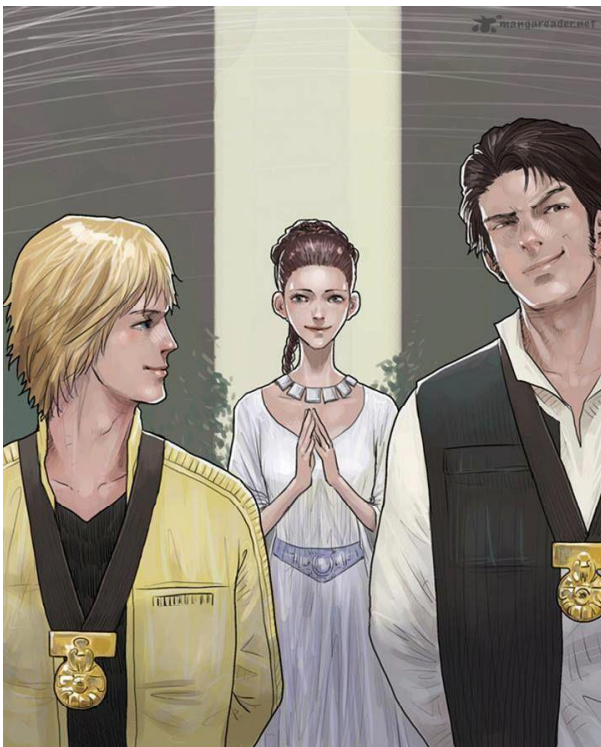
I KNEW YOU'D
COME BACK.
I JUST KNEW IT!

I CAN PAY
THE DEBT LATER ANYWAY
AND I WASN'T GONNA
LET YOU GET ALL
THE CREDIT!



REMEMBER,
THE FORCE WILL BE
WITH YOU... ALWAYS.







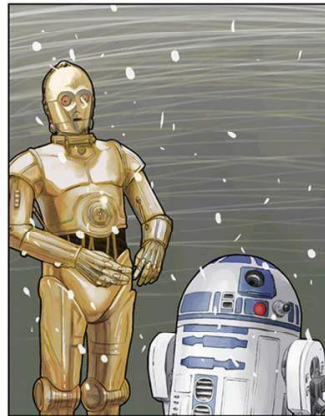
THE WAY THAT UNCLE OWEN DIDN'T WANT.
THE WAY THAT BEN WANTED ME TO GO.

I AM ON THE ROAD RIGHT NOW.

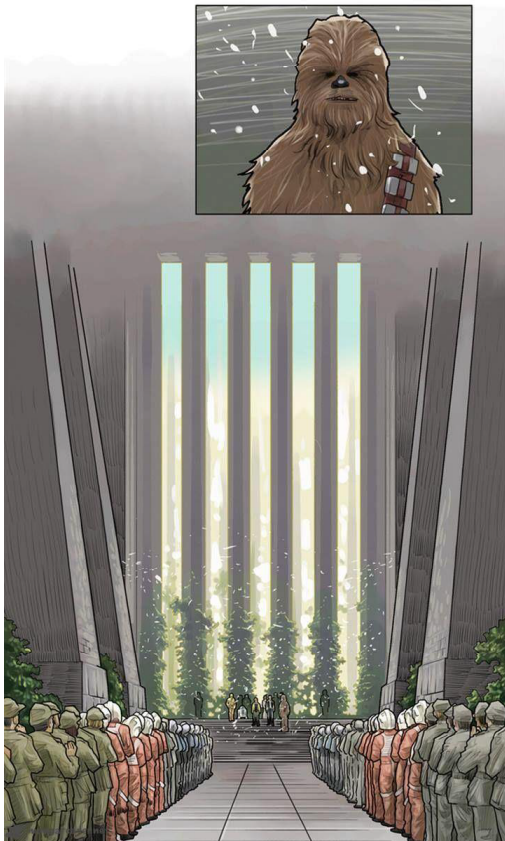


I BELIEVE THAT
BOTH ALREADY KNEW.

THIS IS MY DESTINY.



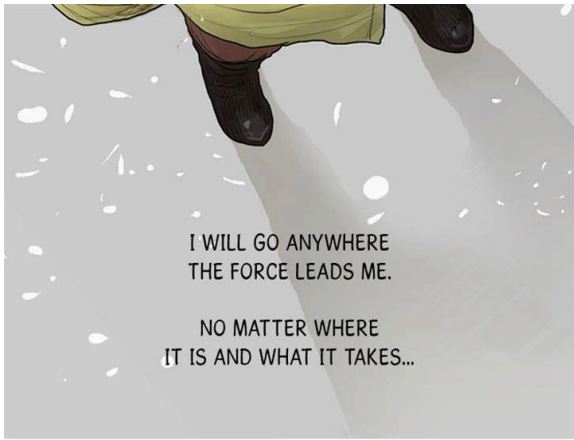
THE JOURNEY
HAS JUST BEGUN.



WE CREATED A MIRACLE FROM
THE FAITH AND SACRIFICE,

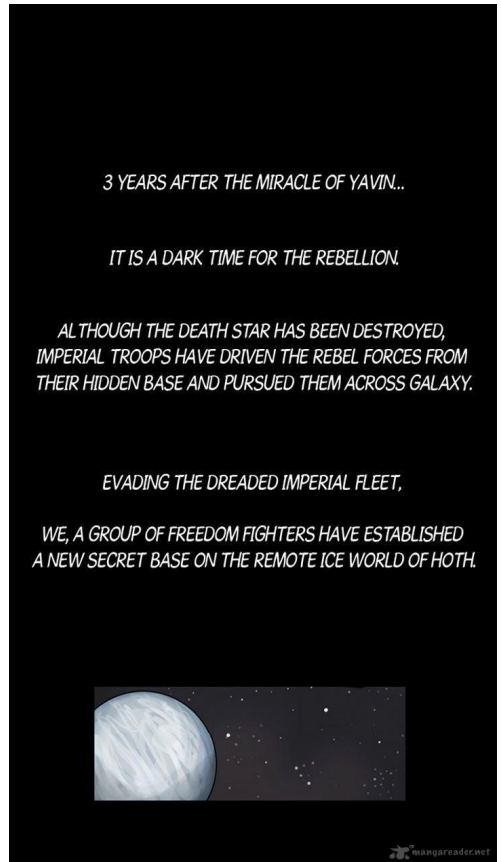
STILL, WE NEED MORE
MIRACLES TO COME.





I WILL GO ANYWHERE
THE FORCE LEADS ME.

NO MATTER WHERE
IT IS AND WHAT IT TAKES...



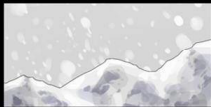
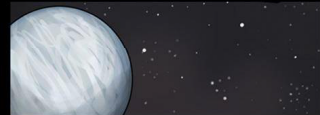
3 YEARS AFTER THE MIRACLE OF YAVIN...

IT IS A DARK TIME FOR THE REBELLION.

ALTHOUGH THE DEATH STAR HAS BEEN DESTROYED,
IMPERIAL TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN THE REBEL FORCES FROM
THEIR HIDDEN BASE AND PURSUED THEM ACROSS GALAXY.

EVADING THE DREADED IMPERIAL FLEET,

WE, A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE ESTABLISHED
A NEW SECRET BASE ON THE REMOTE ICE WORLD OF HOTH.



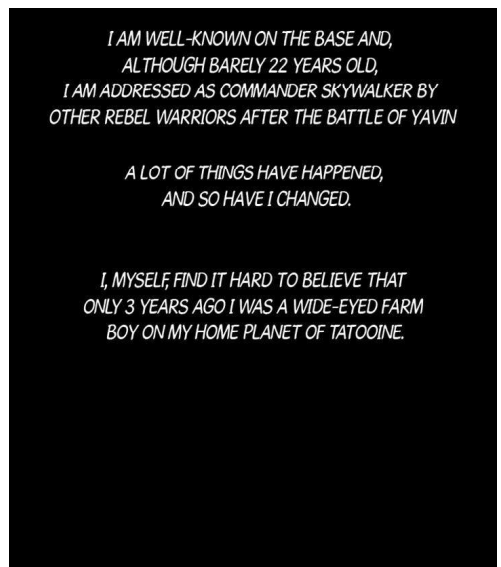
AFTER DESTROYING THE DEATH STAR,
MY NAME, SKYWALKER, IS KNOWN TO THE EMPIRE.

THE EVIL LORD DARTH VADER,
IS OBSESSED WITH FINDING ME.

COULD HE HAVE FELT MY JEDI FATHER IN ME?

WELL... I DON'T KNOW.

ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT HE IS CHASING ME.
LUKE SKYWALKER WITH THE REBEL FORCES.



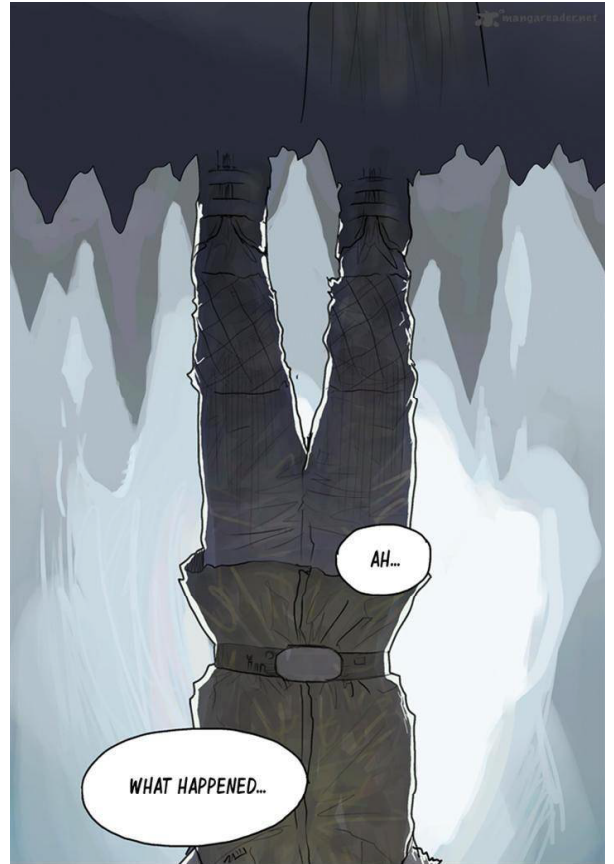
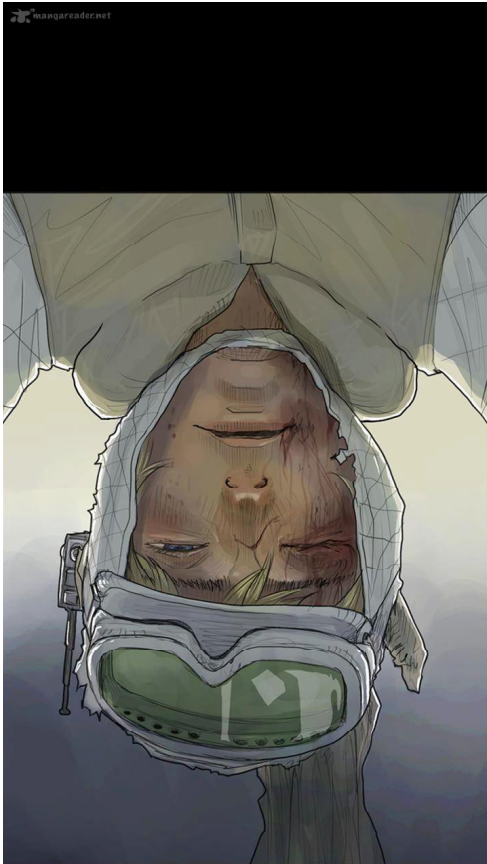
I AM WELL-KNOWN ON THE BASE AND,
ALTHOUGH BARELY 22 YEARS OLD,
I AM ADDRESSED AS COMMANDER SKYWALKER BY
OTHER REBEL WARRIORS AFTER THE BATTLE OF YAVIN

A LOT OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED,
AND SO HAVE I CHANGED.

I, MYSELF, FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT
ONLY 3 YEARS AGO I WAS A WIDE-EYED FARM
BOY ON MY HOME PLANET OF TATOOINE.



WHOOSH



YEAH.. I WAS LOOKING FOR OTHER LIFEFORMS ON THE GROUND.



AND I GOT ATTACKED
BY WAMPA...



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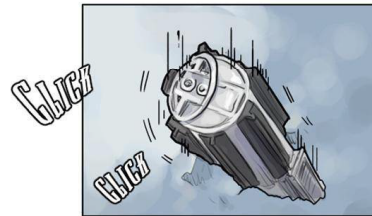
LIGHTSABER...

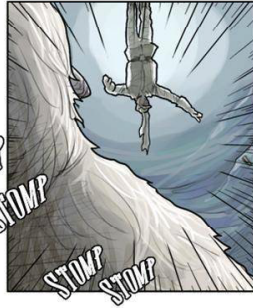


PHEW...GOTTA RELAX..



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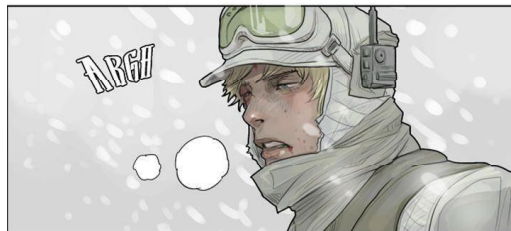


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Whoosh—



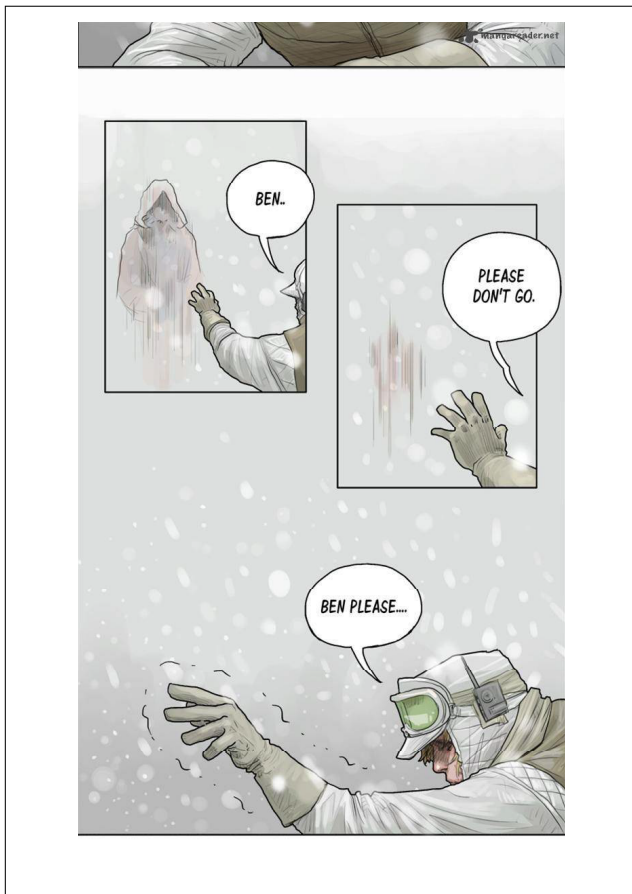
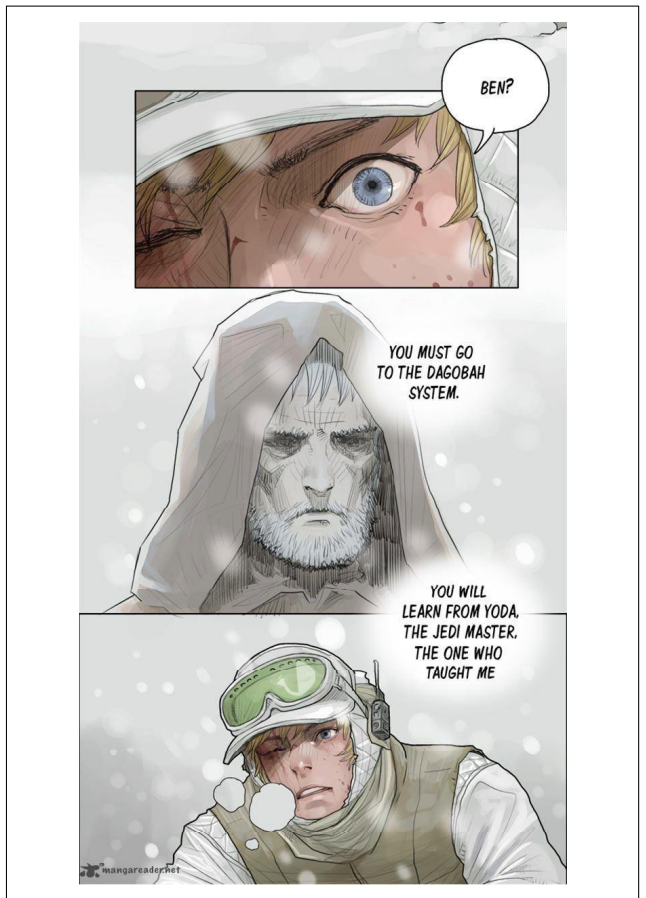
Whoosh—

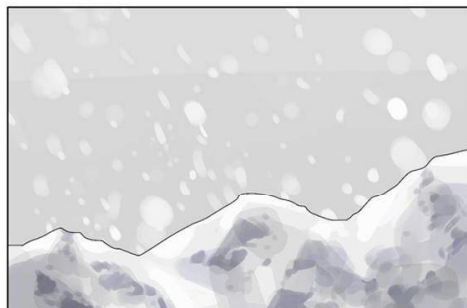


LUKE.

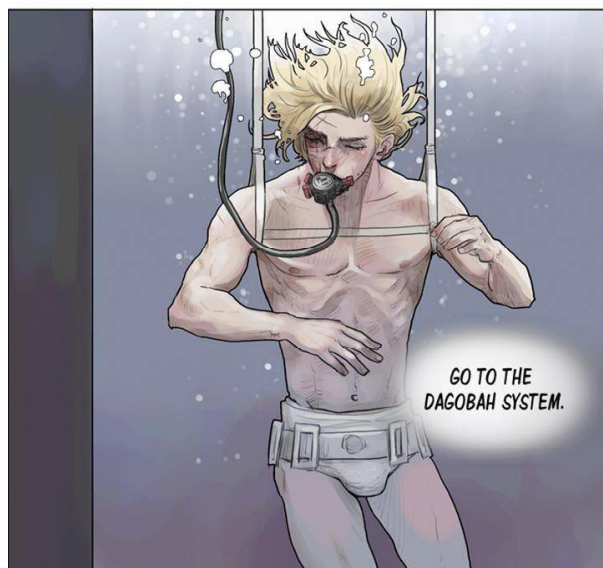


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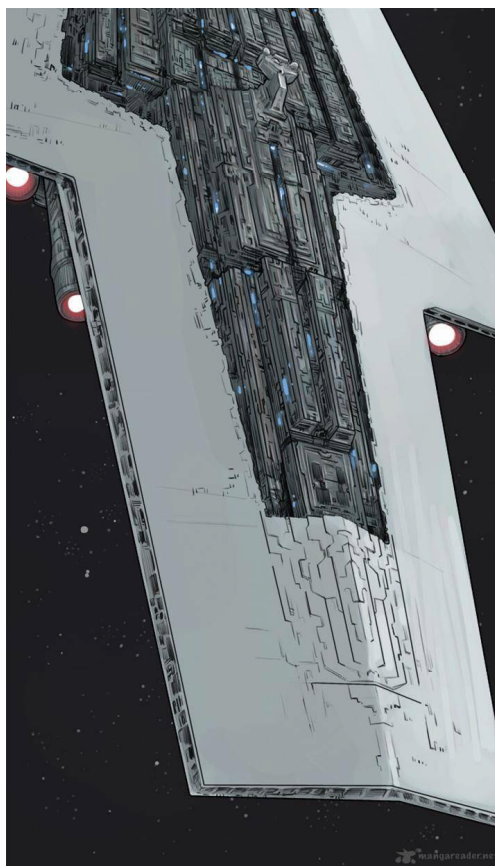
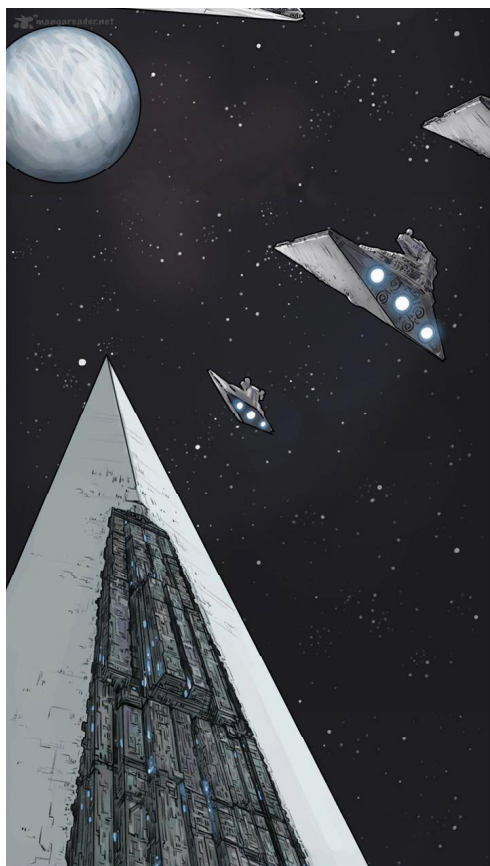




LUKE,
YOU ARE OUR
ONLY HOPE.



LEARN FROM YODA.
THE JEDI MASTER.
THE ONE WHO
TAUGHT ME.



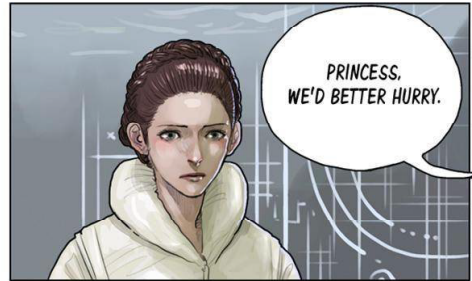


GENERAL,
WE'VE PICKED UP
SOMETHING OUTSIDE
THE BASE IN ZONE TWELVE.
MOVING EAST.

IT'S A GOOD BET
THE EMPIRE KNOWS
WE'RE HERE.

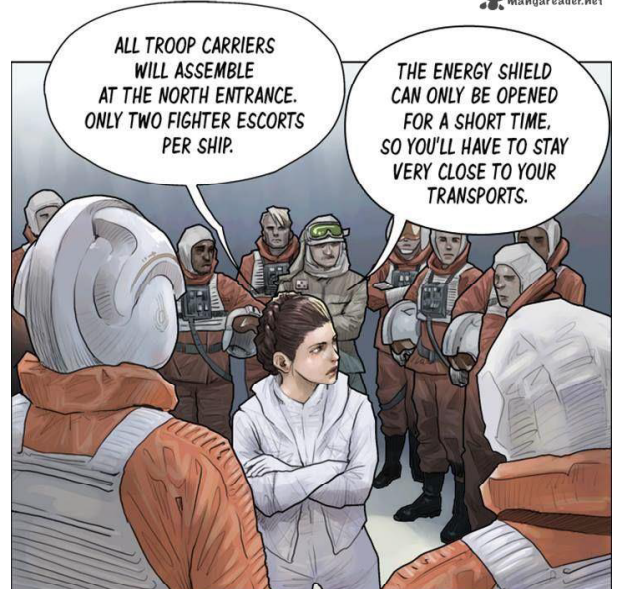
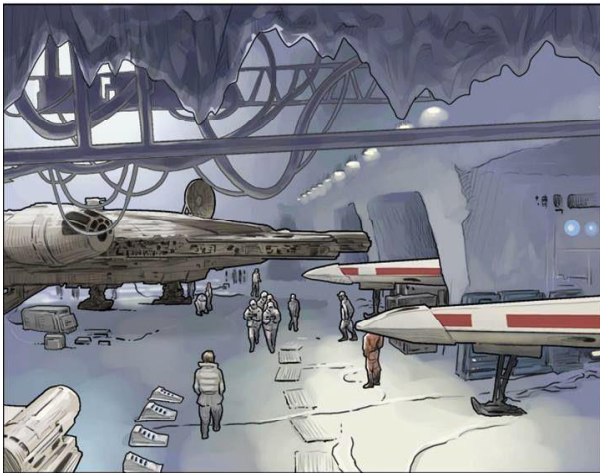


REROUTE ALL POWER
TO THE ENERGY SHIELD.
WE'D BETTER START
THE EVACUATION



PRINCESS,
WE'D BETTER HURRY.

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ALL TROOP CARRIERS
WILL ASSEMBLE
AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE.
ONLY TWO FIGHTER ESCORTS
PER SHIP.

THE ENERGY SHIELD
CAN ONLY BE OPENED
FOR A SHORT TIME,
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY
VERY CLOSE TO YOUR
TRANSPORTS.

TWO FIGHTERS
AGAINST A STAR
DESTROYER?



THE ION CANNON WILL
FIRE SEVERAL SHOTS TO
MAKE SURE THAT ANY ENEMY
SHIPS WILL BE OUT OF
YOUR FLIGHT PATH.



WHEN YOU'VE GOTTEN PAST
THE ENERGY SHIELD,
PROCEED DIRECTLY
TO THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.

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EVERYONE
TO YOUR STATIONS.
LET'S GO!

GOOD LUCK.



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GO DEAL WITH
JABBA AND PAY OFF
THE DEBT.



I THOUGHT YOU
DIDN'T WANT ME
TO LEAVE.



YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE A GREAT HELP TO US.
YOU'RE A NATURAL LEADER.

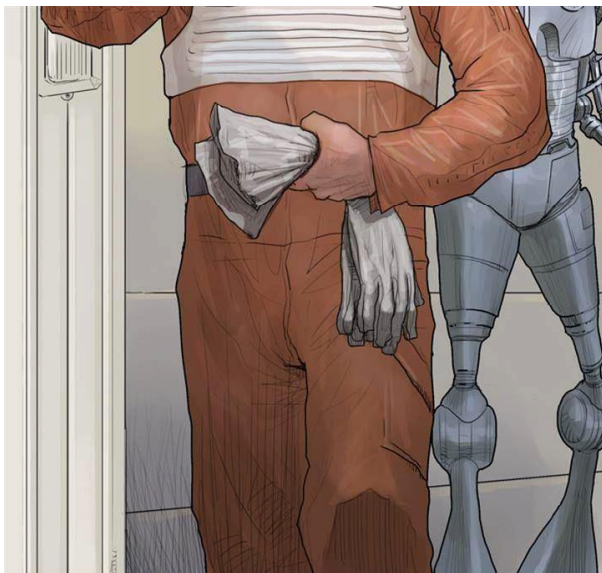
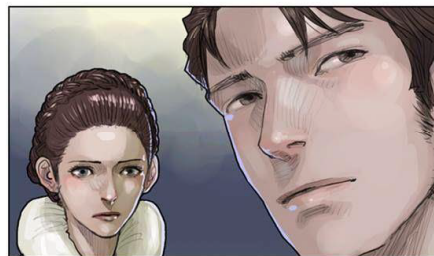
BUT NOW IS DIFFERENT.
IT'S AN EMERGENCY.
YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE NOW OR
YOU WILL NEVER FIND A CHANCE.



HAN, WHY ARE YOU
STILL HERE?
YOU GOT YOUR CLEARANCE
TO LEAVE.

THERE IS NOTHING
MUCH YOU CAN DO HERE.

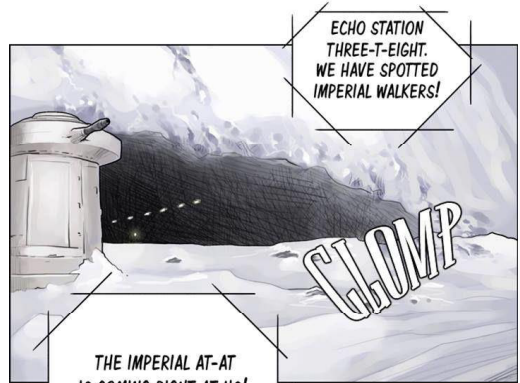
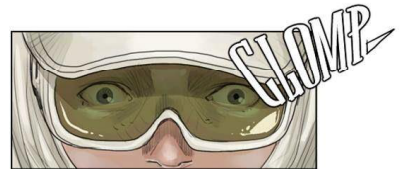
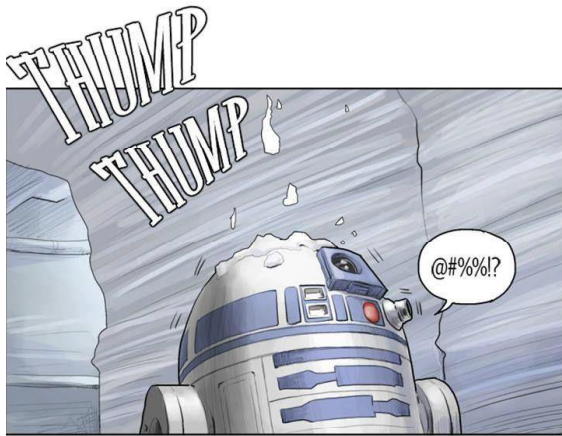




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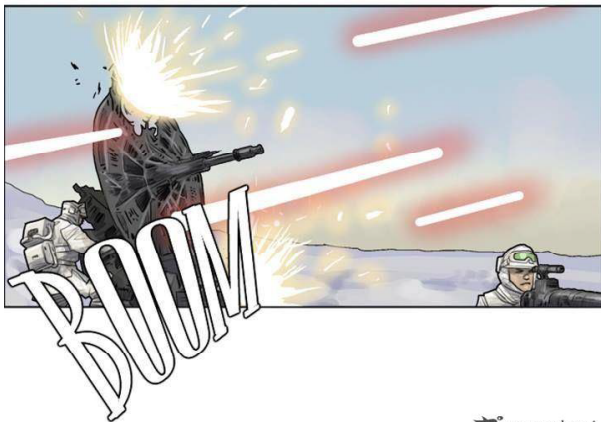
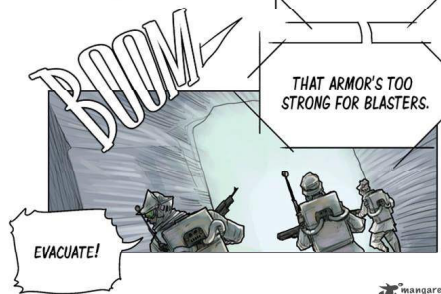
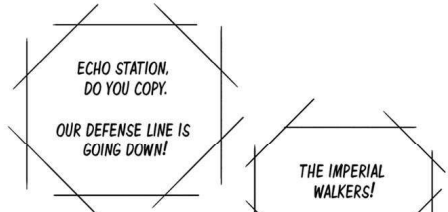
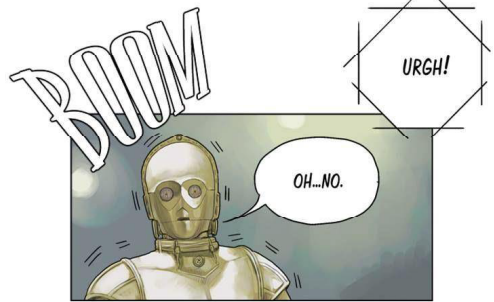


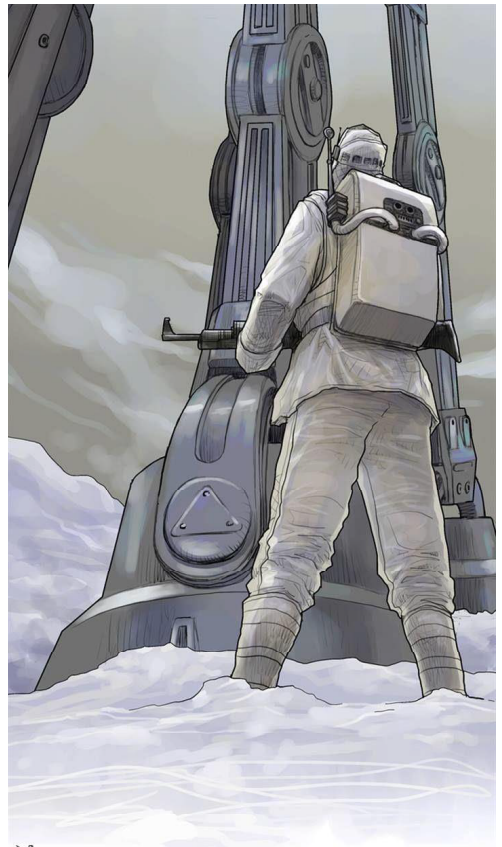
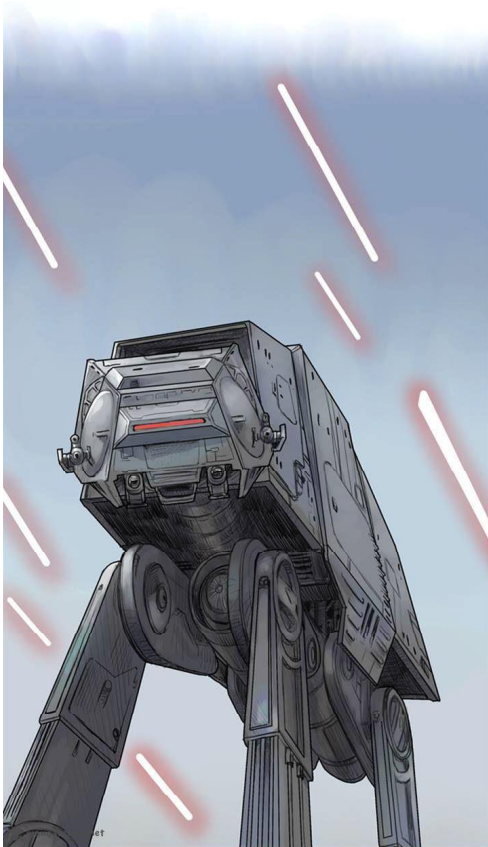


THE IMPERIAL AT-AT
IS COMING RIGHT AT US!



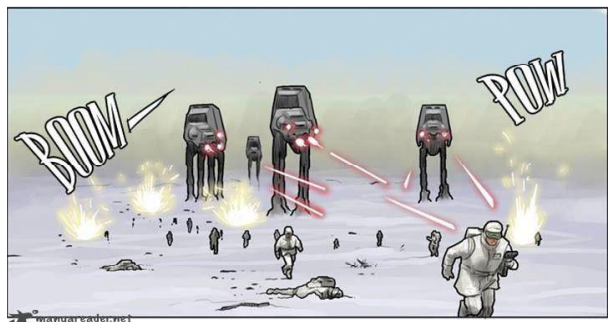
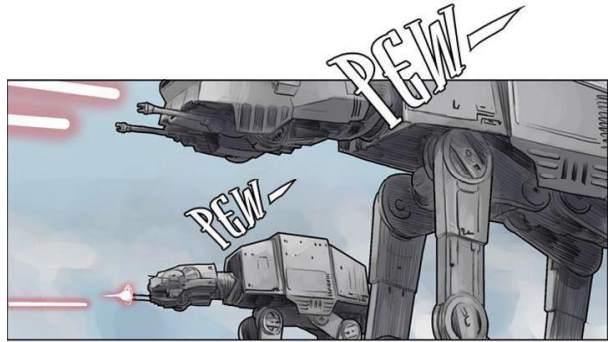






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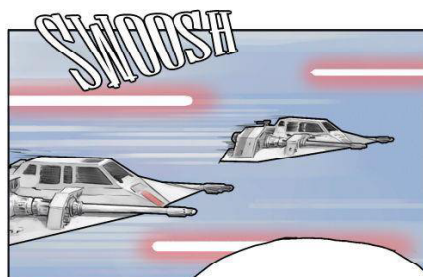
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ECHO STATION, DO YOU COPY!
DEFENSE LINE IS DOWN.
THE EMPIRE IS COMING
INTO THE BASE NOW!

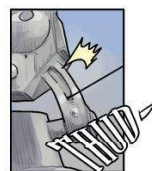
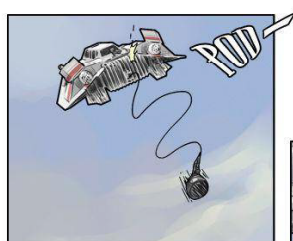
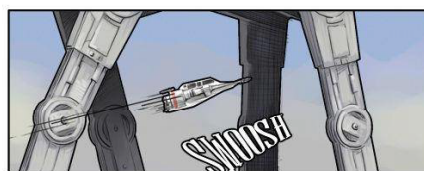
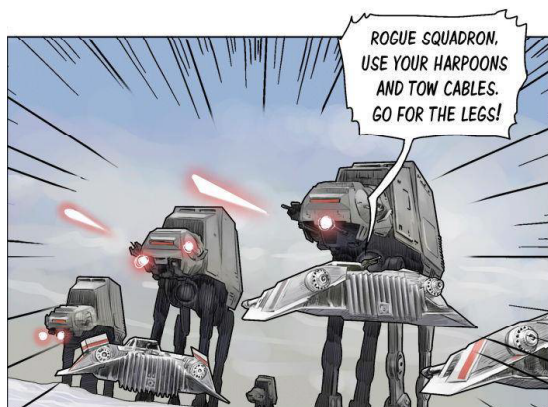
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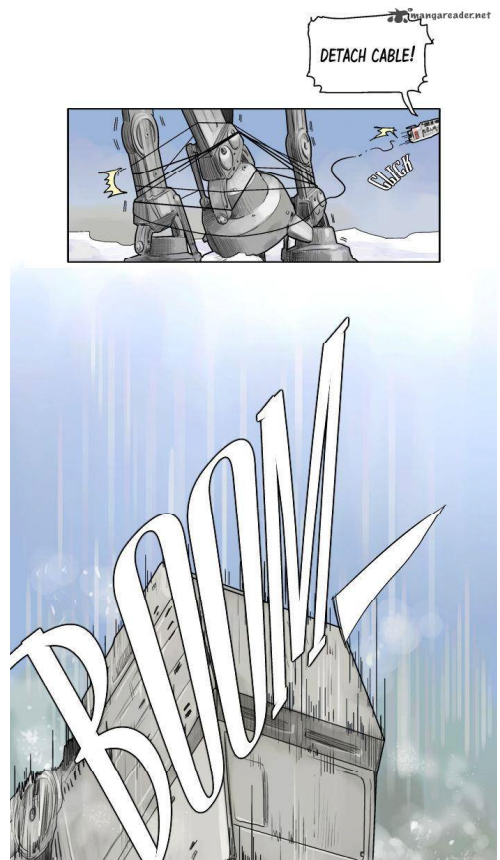
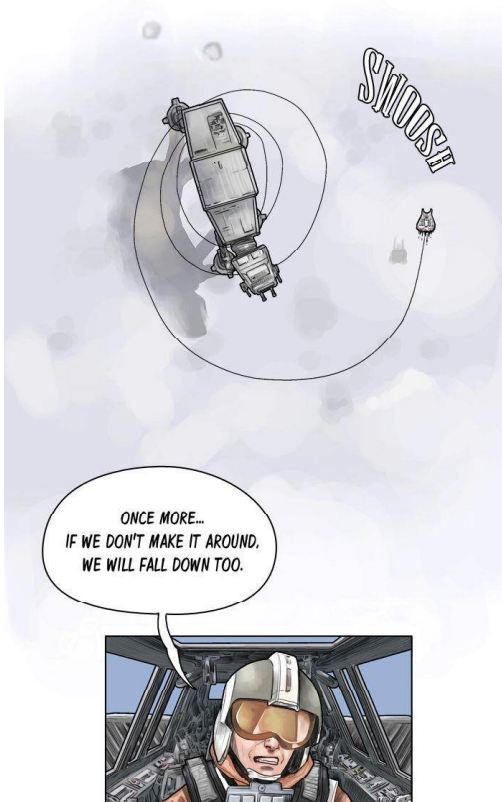


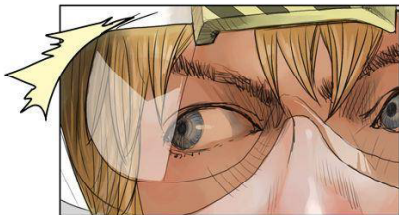
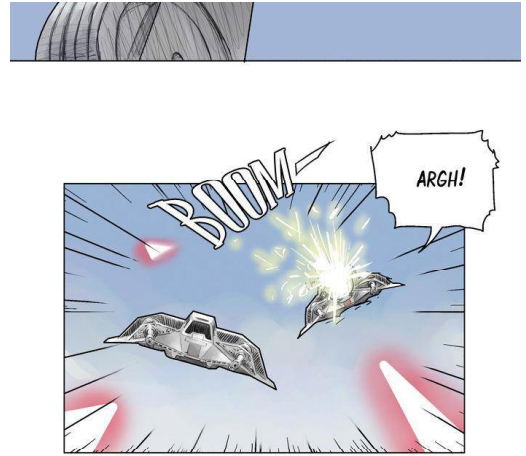
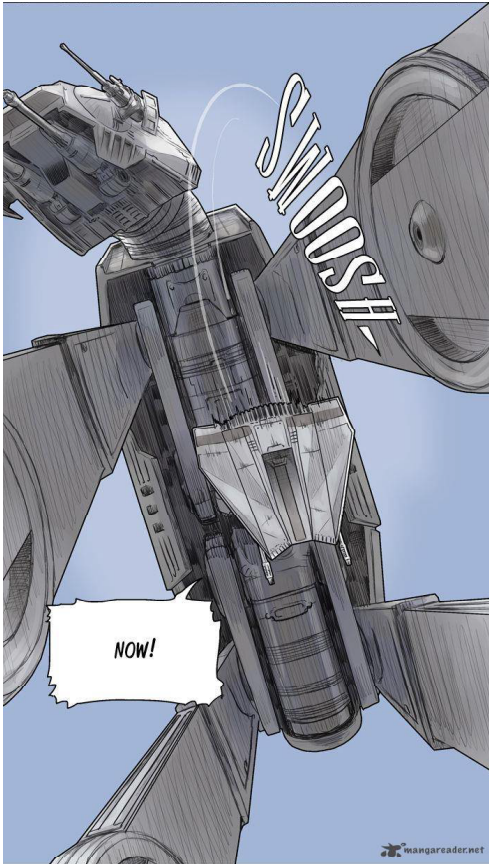
IT'S HARD TO HIT
FROM THIS DISTANCE.
STAY TIGHT AND LOW!



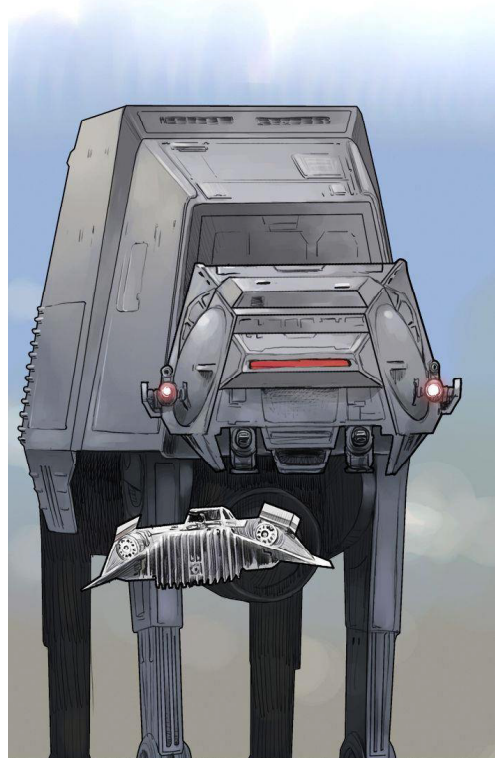
WATCH THAT
CROSS FIRE, BOYS.
KEEP TIGHT NOW!

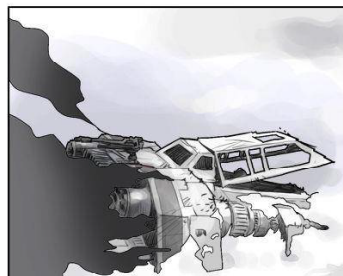
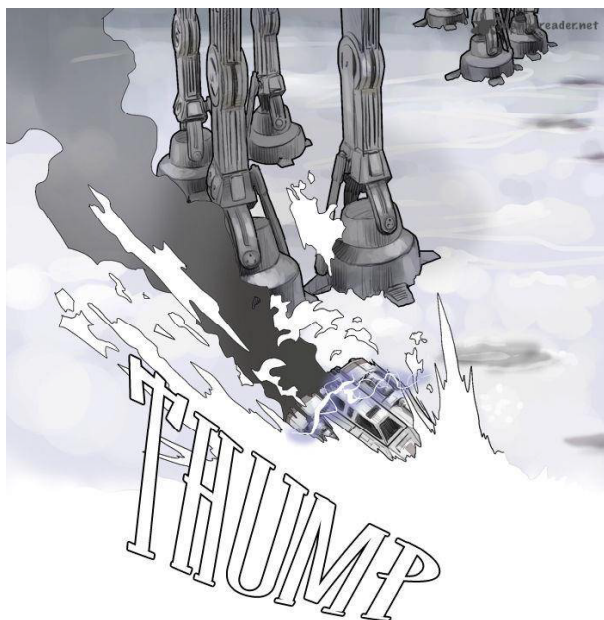
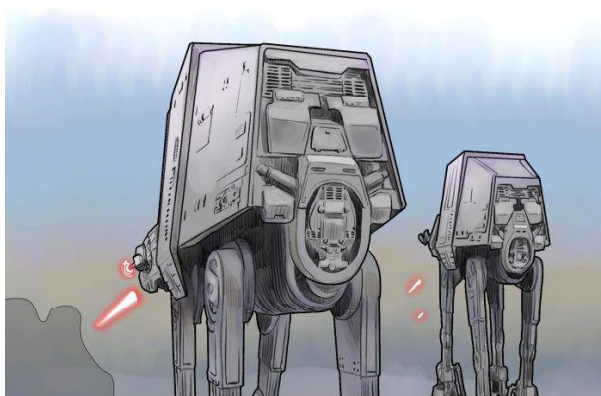
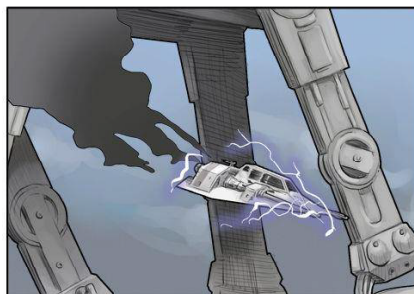
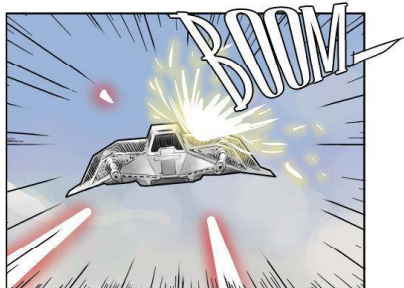


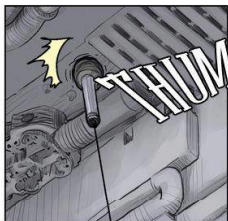
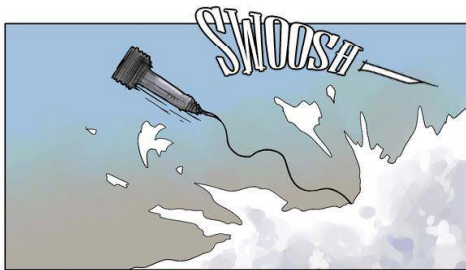
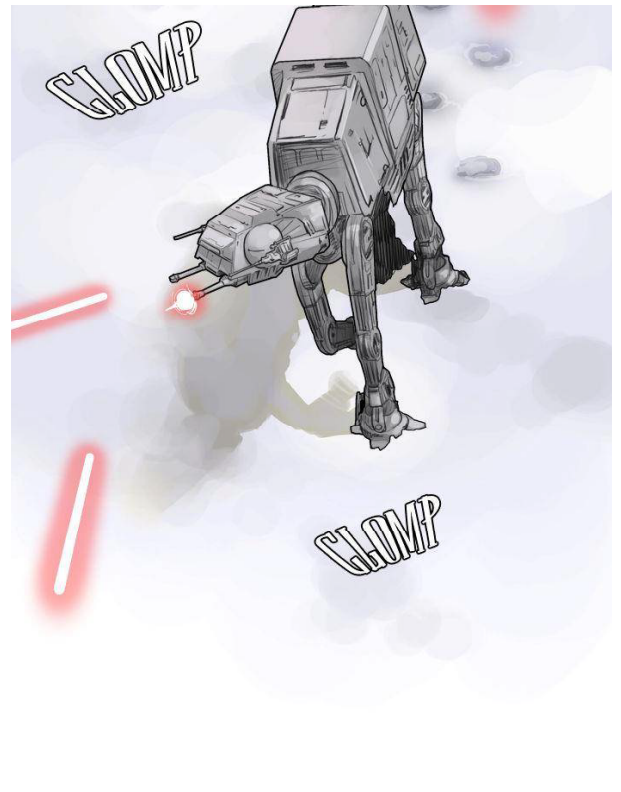
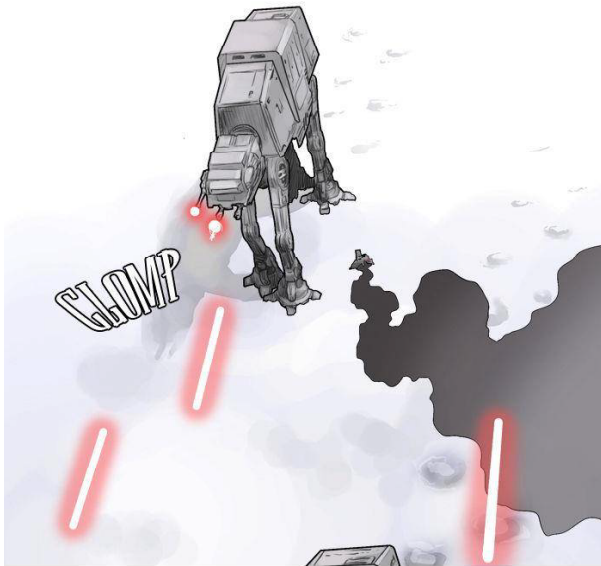




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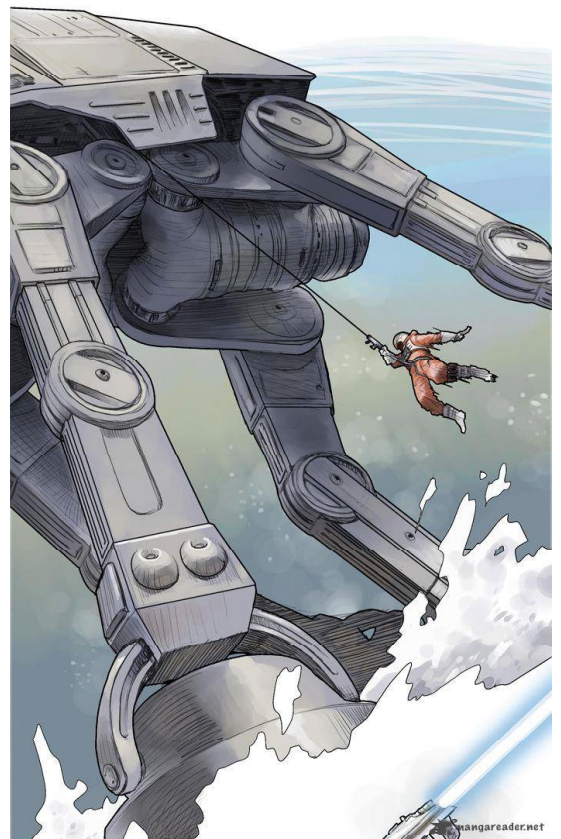


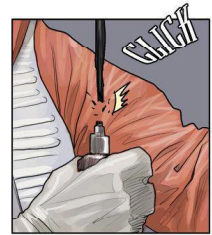
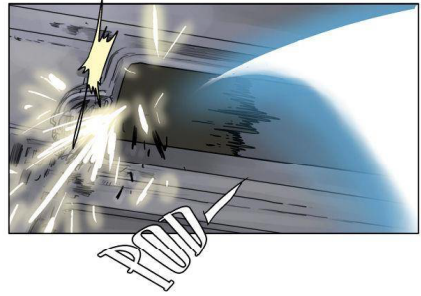


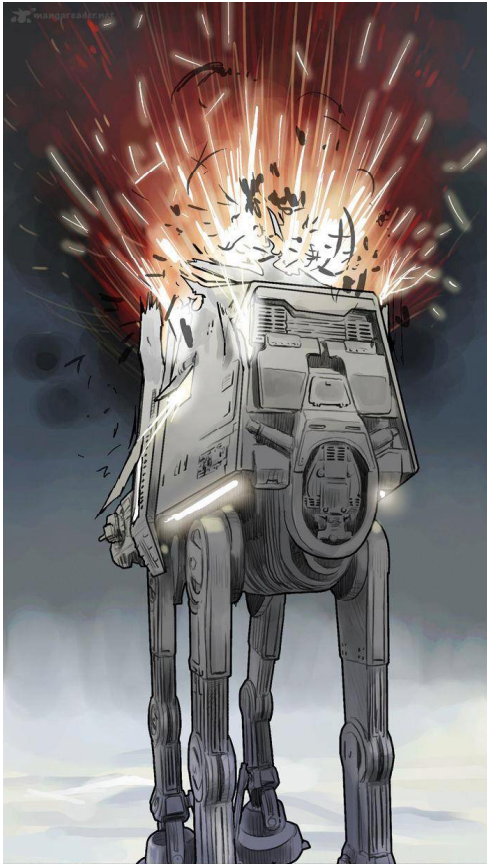


I'VE CHANGED.
I AM NOT A FARM BOY
FROM TATOOINE ANYMORE.

THE BATTLES OVER
THE 3 YEARS HAVE MADE ME
A STRONG REBEL WARRIOR.







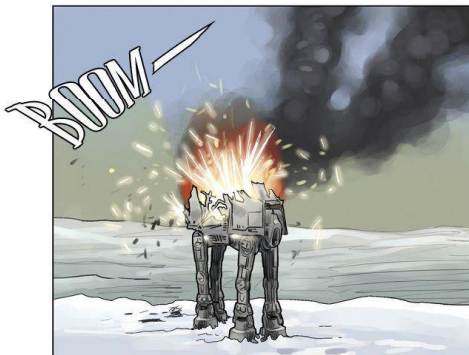
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THE BATTLE WAS ONE-SIDED.

*WE LOST HOTH BUT SLOWED DOWN
THE EMPIRE AS MUCH AS WE COULD SO MOST OF
OUR SUPPLIES AND TROOPS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE.*

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AT LEAST HAN GOT AWAY...

I WONDER WHERE LEIA IS. SHE MIGHT
JUST AS WELL BE AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE AWAY...



I AM GOING TO
THE DAGOBAH SYSTEM.

TO MEET YODA,
THE JEDI MASTER...

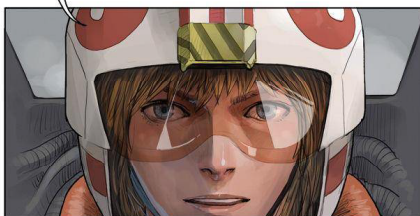


DAGOBAH SYSTEM



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I KNOW, ARTOO.



I'M NOT PICKING UP
ANY CITIES OR
TECHNOLOGY.



MASSIVE LIFE-FORM
READINGS, THOUGH.
THERE'S SOMETHING
ALIVE DOWN THERE...



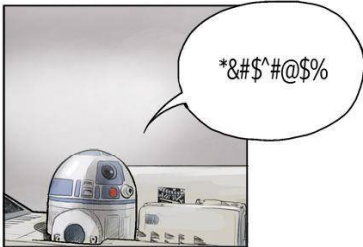
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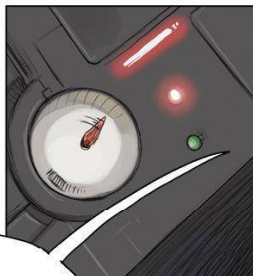
I CAN'T SEE A THING...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING
ABOUT THIS...

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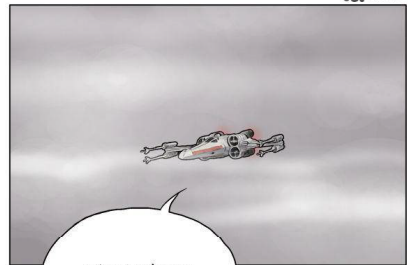


BEEP
BEEP



YES. WE ARE
GOING DOWN.

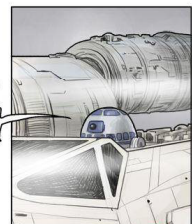
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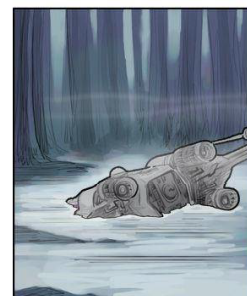
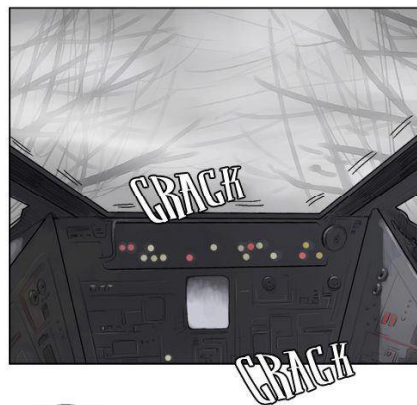
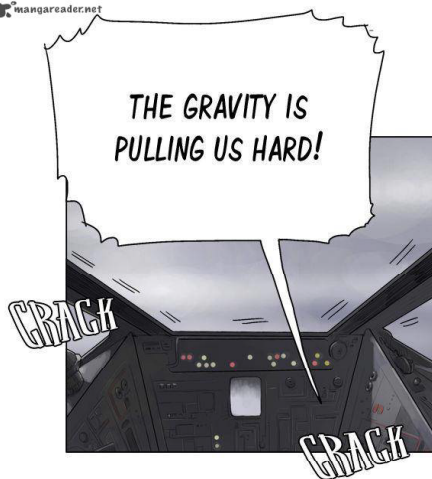
BUT I CAN'T SEE
THE GROUND.



HOLD TIGHT!
I'M GOING TO START
THE LANDING CYCLE.



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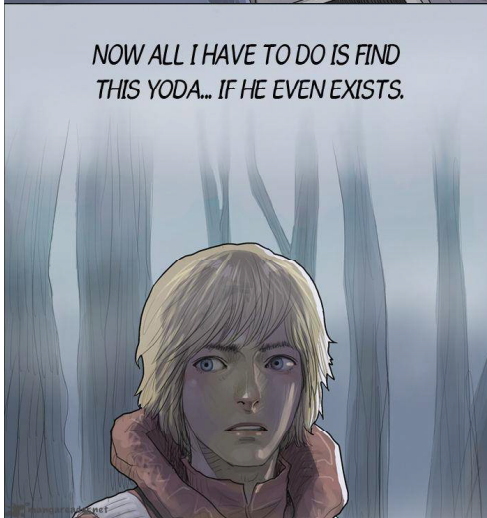




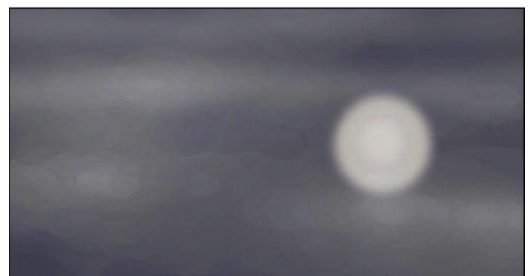
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NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND
THIS YODA... IF HE EVEN EXISTS.



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I KNOW.
IF YOU'RE SAYING
COMING HERE WAS A BAD IDEA,
I'M BEGINNING TO
AGREE WITH YOU.



THIS PLANET IS NOTHING
BUT A GLOOMY-LOOKING
SWAMP.



IT'S LIKE...



SOMETHING OUT OF
A DREAM, OR,
I DON'T KNOW.



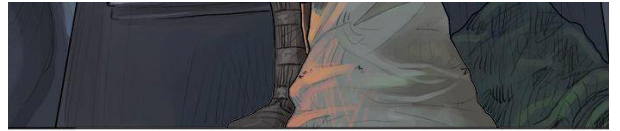
STILL...
THERE'S SOMETHING..



FAMILIAR ABOUT
THIS PLACE.



YES...
I FEEL LIKE...



FEEL LIKE
WHAT?

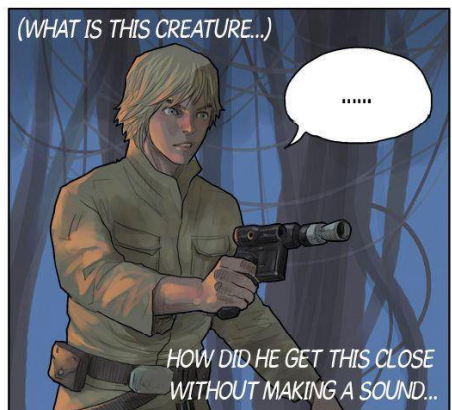


AWAY WITH
YOUR WEAPON!



I MEAN YOU NO HARM.

I WAS JUST FOLLOWING
THE SOUND.



(WHAT IS THIS CREATURE...)

.....

HOW DID HE GET THIS CLOSE
WITHOUT MAKING A SOUND...



CHIK

LISTEN, FRIEND,
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO LAND
IN THAT PUDDLE,
AND IF WE COULD GET
OUR SHIP OUT,
WE WOULD,
BUT WE CAN'T,
SO WHY DON'T
YOU JUST...



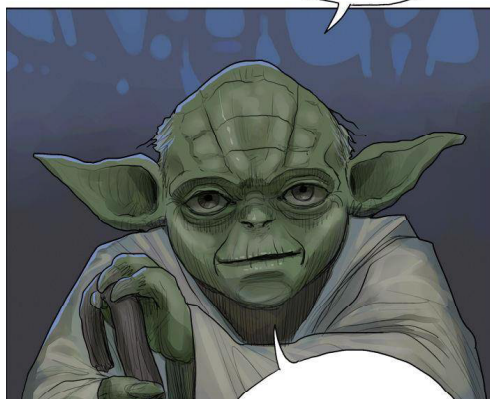
I AM WONDERING,
WHY ARE YOU HERE?



I'M LOOKING FOR
SOMEONE,
A GREAT WARRIOR.

I DON'T THINK
HE WOULD EXIST HERE,
A PLACE LIKE THIS...

AHHH!
A GREAT WARRIOR...



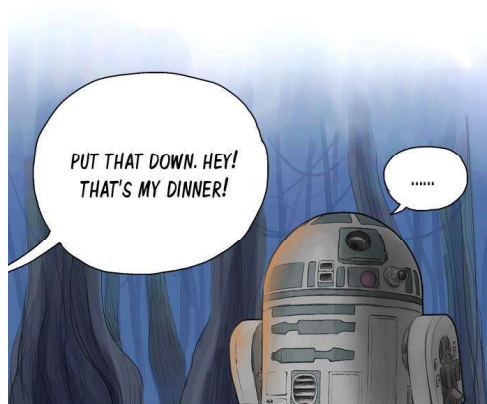
WARS NOT
MAKE ONE GREAT.



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OH NO!
NOW!



PUT THAT DOWN. HEY!
THAT'S MY DINNER!

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